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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 4118 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr L J Basson (DA) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 10/12/15

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

**MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

DATE: 11.12.15

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION NO 4118

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4118. Mr L J Basson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) Whether, with reference to the non-functionality of the wastewater treatment plant in Bela-Bela in Limpopo, she took any steps to intervene in this situation; if not, (a) why not and (b) what steps will her department take to prevent the continued release of 90 litres of untreated wastewater per second; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether she intends to upgrade the specified plant in the future; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) what are the relevant details;
- (3) what is the current capacity of the specified plant?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) Bela-Bela Waste Water Treatment Plant in Limpopo is installed with three Biofilters, two are fully functional and one is not in working order due to a faulty pump. This process is followed by two humus tanks, both are operational however there is a standby pump that is faulty, thus reducing standby capacity of the plant should the pump in duty fail. The two anaerobic digesters installed are both blocked and non-functional.
- (1)(b) The municipality has appointed a service provider to maintain the non-functional components of the waste water treatment plant and the contractor is on site and is anticipated to complete work by end of February 2016.
- (2)(a) Yes the plant will be upgraded (b) the municipality has developed a Business Plan to source funding under Accelerated Community Infrastructure Programme (ACIP) for the upgrade of the plant. The Business Plan is still under evaluation.
- (3) The capacity of Bela-Bela Waste Water Treatment Plant is 5 mega litres /day.

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