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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 4121 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr P G Atkinson (DA) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 15/12/15

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 19.12.15

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4121. Mr P G Atkinson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) (a) How many boreholes are used in Vaalwater in Limpopo, (b) how many boreholes are (i) equipped and (ii) functional and (c) what is the water quality of the specified boreholes;
- (2) what steps has her department taken to provide a constant supply of water to the community of Vaalwater;
- (3) why are water tankers only delivering water in some of the areas and not to all the affected areas in Vaalwater;
- (4) with regard to the leaking water reservoirs in Vaalwater, (a) what is the cause of the specified leak and (b) when will this situation be remedied;
- (5) what is the (a) medium and (b) long-term plan to resolve the water problems in Vaalwater?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) There are 7 boreholes used in Vaalwater in Limpopo.
- (1)(b)(i) There are 7 equipped boreholes.
- (1)(b)(ii) All 7 boreholes are functional.
- (1)(c) The quality of water is within the required standard which is SANS 241 of 2015.
- (2) The Modimolle Local Municipality (LM) is a Water Service Authority and Water Service Provider, however my Department has allocated an amount of R10 million under the Municipal Water Infrastructure Grant (MWIG) in the current financial year 2015/16 for Modimolle LM. Out of R10 million, Vaalwater is allocated R3.8 million which will be used to supplement the water supply.
- (3) The Modimolle LM supplies water through water tankers at Vaalwater merely where there is no reticulation system and any affected areas within Vaalwater.
- (4)(a) The cause of the leaks is dilapidated infrastructure.
- (4)(b) The Modimolle LM is finalizing the procurement processes of appointing contractors to seal the leaking reservoirs/towers.

- (5)(a) Medium term solution is that the municipality is currently sourcing to explore groundwater development to supplement the current water supply to Vaalwater.
- (5)(b) My Department is currently conducting the Mokolo Crocodile Feasibility Study where Vaalwater is anticipated to be covered by the outcomes.

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