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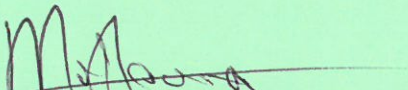
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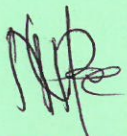
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 672 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Prof N M Khubisa (NFP) is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 19/08/15

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED



MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 31.08.15

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 672

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672. Prof N M Khubisa (NFP) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether the communities under (a) Mzimela Traditional Authority and (b) Nzuza Traditional Authority such as (i) Mvutshini, (ii) Ncinyane and (iii) any other areas under the (aa) Umlalazi Local Municipality and (bb) uThungulu District Municipality will be provided with water; if so, what is the time frame for the communities of these areas to get water for (aaa) drinking and (bbb) farm irrigation purposes?

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REPLY:

(a) uThungulu District Municipality is the water services authority (WSA) for five (5) of the six (6) Local Municipalities (LM), i.e. Nkandla, Mbonambi, Mlalazi, Ntambanana and Mthonjaneni within its area of jurisdiction. uMhlathuze LM has the status of a WSA which allows it to be responsible for water services function within its area of jurisdiction. Mzimela Traditional Authority consist of five wards namely, Ward 14, 20, 21, 22 and 23.

- A small portion of Ward 14 receives water from Eshowe Water Treatment Works and the remaining parts are serviced through small water schemes using boreholes as the water sources;
- Ward 20 receives potable water from Obanjeni Water Treatment Plant and the scheme has sufficient supply.
- Wards 21 and 22 are supplied from boreholes that are scattered within the wards however; a portion of Ward 22 is getting potable water from Esikhaleni Water Treatment Plant line.
- Ward 23 is supplied from ekuphumuleni Water Treatment Plant and the system has sufficient supply.

As part of the future plan for Wards 22 and 23 the bulk pipeline has been completed as part of KwaHlokoHloko Water Supply Scheme's Sub-Supply Area 5 project but the reticulation work is currently at a tender stage for implementation.

(b) Nzuza Traditional Authority is made up of Wards 16, 17, 19 and portion of Ward 20. Mvutshini and Ncinyane areas are within Wards 16 and 17, respectively. These Wards are both serviced by the Eshowe water system but due to drought the line is shared which result in water shortages. In order to rotate water supply to cover all the areas water is supplied for 2 days/area/week.

There are also boreholes in both areas developed to supplement the supply from Eshowe water treatment works. The long term water supply plan for the Nzuza Traditional Authority area is that the whole Traditional Authority area be serviced from the Eshowe system which is planned to be completed in 2019.

Ward 20 receives potable water from Obanjeni Water Treatment Plant and the scheme has sufficient supply and for Ward 19, the area is supplied by two (2) small schemes which are supplied from two (2) boreholes at Nyonibizumuntu and Sabeka. Currently, the schemes are operational but the WSA has sited two additional boreholes to augment the two sources. It is in the plans of the WSA to develop these two additional boreholes.

Currently both traditional authorities are receiving a fair provision of water supply considering the drought conditions in the aforementioned areas. In emergency situations, water tankers are used for water supply.

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