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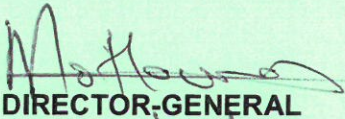
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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 804 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Ms C N Majeke (UDM) is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 19/03/15

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED-



MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 31.03.15

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 804

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804. Ms C N Majeke (UDM) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether she has any practical programmes and time frames in place for the provision of water to the Mhlontlo Local Municipality, in particular the town of Qumbu which has not had water for the past two months; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

Yes, recent water outages at Mqumbu have been experienced due to the demand that exceeds the current water supply infrastructure that service the town area and surrounding villages. This was exacerbated recently by load shedding and therefore making it more difficult for storage reservoirs to recover to the expected levels. In addition, the frequent outages have led to some failures in the pump system.

The immediate intervention included water carting as a means of augmentation whenever these outages occur. This is coupled with communication through the Portfolio Head: Infrastructure in the Mhlontlo LM by the Water Services Authority within the O.R. Tambo District Municipality.

In November 2014, the municipality refurbished three (3) boreholes in town to act as standby or backup of which one is functional. The Department's Provincial Office has deployed its rapid response team to provide hands-on technical expertise to ensure functionality of all boreholes and will ensure that a reliable interim supply is provided until the permanent solution is completed.

The permanent solution is the supply of additional water from Sidwadweni Regional Water Supply Scheme which is currently being upgraded. The source development will include a new packaged WTW of 5 MI/day capacity which will release an additional 1 MI/day to Qumbu town. The expected completion period of this project is September 2017.

The recent completion of the Cengcane Dam will enable the upgrade of the Upper Culunca WTW to supply more rural villages and are currently planned over the MTEF period.

The complete eradication of backlogs and future demands will be achieved on the completion of the Ntabelanga Dam, and will supply 95% of the area while the remaining 5% will be supplied from the Mthatha Dam Regional Scheme.

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