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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 957 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Ms T E Baker (DA) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 30/3/15

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

DATE: 31.03.15

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION NO 957

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957. Ms T E Baker (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) What is the national shortage of process controllers at wastewater treatment plants around the country;
- (2) how many process controllers were employed at wastewater treatment plants around the country (a) at the end of the 2013-14 financial year and (b) as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (3) whether any provinces have training or learnership programmes in place to address the critical shortage of process controllers; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) The risk rating associated with process control is at 2.9, this is indicative that municipalities are struggling to comply with the required level of skilled personnel in the plants. However it must be noted that there are warm bodies present at the plant, the challenge is on skilled process controllers.
- (2) The role of the Department of Water and Sanitation is to register process controllers on the National Database according to Regulation 2834. Currently there are 4111 process controllers registered on the Green Drop System.
- (3) There is training of process controllers currently being undertaken in the Free State under the Energy and Water Sector Education and Training Authority (EWSETA) project in partnership with Motheo FET College. EWSETA provided funding to Motheo FET and Aurecon was then appointed by Motheo FET as the training provider to train 502 unemployed youths. There is also Local Government Sector Education and Training Authority (LGSETA) training underway nationally to train employed and unemployed process controllers in municipalities. Northern Cape completed the training and they trained 72 process controllers.

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