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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 104 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr M Chetty (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 29/4/15

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~

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

DATE: 05/05/2015

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 104

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104. Mr M Chetty (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) (a) Why will 34 Cuban engineers be brought to South Africa to support the failing water and sanitation infrastructure, (b) how will she comply with the Washington Accord, (c) how will these Cuban engineers be registered with the Engineering Council of SA to be able to practise in the country, (d) what knowledge does these engineers have in the maintenance of water infrastructure and (e) at which specific locations will these engineers be deployed in the (i) national department, (ii) provincial departments and (iii) local government;
- (2) whether any research has been conducted to determine qualification differences between the South African and Cuban engineers in terms of the (a) quality, (b) content and (c) Washington Accord prior to embarking on employing the Cuban engineers; if not, why not; if so (i) when will the research findings be made available and (ii) what are the further relevant details;
- (3) why is there a shortage of engineers with similar qualifications in South Africa;
- (4) (a) what is the total package of each Cuban engineer for the (i) period of an employment contract, (ii) annual remuneration package and (iii) fringe benefits such as (aa) the annual number of return trips to Cuba, (bb) vehicle benefits and (cc) accommodation and (b) what will be the total cost for each Cuban engineer?

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REPLY:

Requesting the Honorable Member to refer to the response provided in NA 612 of 06 March 2015.

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