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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION


NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 284 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr L B Gaehler (Eastern Cape: UDM) is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 2/7/12

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 09.07.13

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QUESTION NO 284

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284. Mr L B Gaehler (Eastern Cape: UDM) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) Whether her department has any plans to erect a security fence at the Mthatha Dam (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether her department has any plans to (a) electrify the area inside the dam, (b) repair the pathways inside the dam, (c) ensure that the grass and trees inside the dam are properly maintained and (d) repair the road to the dam; if not, why not; if so, (i) when in each case and (ii) what are the further relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) The Department of Water and Sanitation appointed a PSP to conduct Occupational Health and Safety audits on all departmental dams to identify the shortcomings and also to provide recommendation to rectify. Safety and Security is also covered under the audit. Once the report is available the department will implement corrective measures.
- (2)(a) All relevant departmental infrastructure such as the dam wall and offices are electrified.
- (2)(b) There is no need for any pathways inside the dam basin area. The current pathways are used by local people in gaining access to their properties. The departmental access roads to the infrastructure such as the dam wall are maintained on a regular basis when the need arises.
- (2)(c) Ongoing maintenance is done by departmental operational staff at Mthatha Dam in removing vegetation from the earth-fill section of the dam wall to avoid damage. Vegetation that might pose possible damage to the concrete infrastructure is also eradicated to avoid damages such as cracks.
- (2)(d) The section of road from the public road to the departmental ground is not registered with the Department of Water Sanitation therefore the department has no mandate to maintain this section of road.

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