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**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 315 FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) is attached for your consideration.

  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**DATE:** 4/10/15

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

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

**DATE:** 08.10.15

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 315

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(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 25)

315. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) (a) How many applications for funding have been (i) received and (ii) processed for projects regarding the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) since its inception in 2007 and (b) how many have been (i) approved and (ii) completed;
- (2) (a) how much was the total cost of each of the said projects, (b) how much of the RBIG funding was allocated and (c) how many jobs were created in each case;
- (3) whether she has been informed that the RBIG has managed to attain its goals of supplementing the financing for the development of (a) regional bulk water infrastructure, (b) regional bulk sanitation collection and (c) regional (i) water and (ii) waste treatment works, especially in small municipalities since its inception; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

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**REPLY:**

- (1)(a) Since the inception of the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) Programme, (i) 250 applications for funding have been received and (ii) 216 have been processed for projects regarding the RBIG of which 9 applications have been referred to other Programmes e.g. Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) and Municipal Water Infrastructure Grant (MWIG).
- (1)(b) A total of 207 projects have been approved and are in various phases of implementation, of that 52 projects have been completed.
- (2)(a) The total estimated cost for the 207 projects is R77.7 billion of which my Department will fund R54.9 billion. The total expenditure since inception until 31 March 2015 is R10.3 billion and the budget allocation for 2015/16 is R5.9 billion, 2016/17 is R6.3 billion and 2017/18 is R5.9 billion.
- (2)(b) The RBIG expenditure for the 52 completed projects was R3.143 billion.
- (2)(c) A total of 27,676 job opportunities were created for the completed projects and projects in construction phase.
- (3) The budget allocated since the inception of RBIG, including the allocation for 2015/16 can be divided in the following categories of projects:
  - Regional bulk water infrastructure, (This has been classified as any bulk infrastructure that augments raw water supply, but excludes Water Treatment Plants) –Approximately **R 4,798 billion**;
  - Regional bulk sanitation collection - Approximately **R 0.466 billion**;
  - Regional bulk infrastructure – (This has been classified as any bulk infrastructure that supplies potable water including Water Treatment Works) – Approximately **R 12.399 billion**;
  - and
  - Waste treatment works- Approximately **R 1.558 billion**.

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