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#### MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 478 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Ms T G Mpambo-Sibhukwana (Western Cape: DA) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE:

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 18 . 11 . 15

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#### **QUESTION NO 478**

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# 478. Ms T G Mpambo-Sibhukwana (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether her department will (a) encourage, (b) subsidise and (c) switch the water reticulation system in use in waterborne sanitation infrastructure from fresh piped water to recycling domestic grey water; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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#### REPLY:

- (a) As part of my Department's efforts to save water and use water sparingly, sanitation will be the first to advocate for a change from conventional systems to alternative and innovative systems due to the high volumes of water wasted in sanitation when flushing toilets.
- (b) With regards to the Water Borne Sanitation solutions, my Department will introduce a 6 liter cistern as opposed to a 9 liter cistern, will introduce in the Free State Province 3 new grey water systems in an effort to use, re-use and recycle water for flushing and minimize the use of potable water for waste disposal.
- (c) Whilst the above refers to new projects, my Department will also change the sanitation designs for mainstream and subsidized housing developments, as well as explore retro fitting water saving devises (cisterns), and promote alternative sanitation solutions (not just water borne solutions) where bulk infrastructure is not available etc.

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