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**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

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QUESTION NO ★51

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**★51. Ms L L Zwane (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) (a) What is the benefit for the rural communities within the Jozini Local Municipality with regard to the launch of the Pongolapoort Bulk Water Supply project to supply potable water to the communities and (b) how much does the project cost;
- (2) whether any plans are in place for other phases of this project; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO190E

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**REPLY:**

(1)(a) The purpose of the project is to ultimately supply potable water to a population of 134 864 people (approximately 16,200 households), allowing for an average consumption per capita of 60 ℓ/c/d and a 30-year time horizon. Currently, 5 489 people of Othobothini are receiving water as reticulation network has been installed.

(1)(b) The project cost is R1.98 billion (R0.89 billion bulk and R1.09 billion reticulation).

(2) Yes, plans for other phases are in place. The scheme consists of two phases:

**Phase 1:**

- Installation of a 1,2Ml/day package treatment plant drawing water from the Pongola River, immediately downstream of the Pongolapoort Dam. (*Complete*)
- Installation of bulk mains; (*Complete*)
- Construct 6 reservoirs to supply water to the southern portion of the area (*Complete*)
- Install reticulation within the sub area (80% complete)

**Phase 2:**

- Replace the package plant with a 40 Ml/day Regional Water Treatment Works to serve total area. (*Under Construction*)
- Install bulk mains and 7 reservoirs to supply the balance of the area (*3 reservoirs complete, 3 under construction and 1 command reservoir still to be awarded*)
- Install reticulation within the balance of the area (*to be funded through Municipal Infrastructure Grant*)

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