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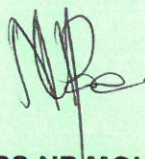
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION ★62 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Dr H E Mateme (Limpopo: ANC) is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (ACTING)

DATE: 4/5/15

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 04.08.15

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FOR ORAL REPLY

QUESTION NO ★62

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★62. Dr H E Mateme (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) Whether her department will address the sanitation backlog in areas such as (a) Eden District and (b) the City of Cape Town in the Western Cape; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the (a) province or (b) district municipalities have any role to play in addressing these backlogs; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether she has been informed of areas like the Eden District where five households or families are made to share one toilet; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act no 108 of 1996 allocates powers and functions to the three spheres of Government. In terms of Schedule 4 Part B of the Constitution allocates the function of provision of sanitation to the Local Government and The Minister for Local Government and Traditional Affairs designates municipalities that may carry out this function as Water Services Authorities.

Water Services Authorities are allocated funds in the form of the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) to provide basic services infrastructure including sanitation to the poor households within their areas of jurisdiction.

- (1)(a) The Eden District Municipality has seven Local Municipalities which are Kannaland, Hessequa, Mossel Bay, George, Oudsthoorn, Bitau and Knysna which are all designated as Water Services Authorities and the total MIG allocation to these municipalities in the current Medium Term Expenditure Framework period is 2015/16: R150, 7m; 2016/17: R155, 7mand 2017/18: R163, 1m.
- (1)(b) The City of Cape Town as a Metro Municipality is a Water Services Authority and is allocated an Urban Settlements Development Grant (USDG) to fund capital projects for the provision of basic services to poor households. The City of Cape Town's allocation in the next three years is as follows: 2015/16: R1,3bn; 2016/17: R1,4bn and 2017/18: R1,5bn.

The Department has been allocated a small amount of funding compared to the MIG allocation to municipalities to supplement the municipal programmes to address rural sanitation backlogs and to eradicate bucket toilets where they still exist. A pilot project will be implemented by the Department in Khayelitsha this year to address bucket toilets in informal settlements. If this proves to be successful the model will be extended to other informal settlements.

- (2)(a) The Provincial sphere of Government is mandated by Section 155 (7) of the Constitution to have executive authority to see to the effective performance by municipalities of their functions.
- (2)(b) District Municipalities are also required to provide support to local municipalities where local municipalities are Water Services Authorities.
- (3) Yes, I am aware that we still have about 2, 2 million households in South Africa that do not have access to basic sanitation and this backlog includes families that share sanitation facilities or have no facilities at all. As Government we are doing everything with the limited financial resources available to address this backlog as soon as possible.

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