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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 68 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

A draft reply

~~DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED~~

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

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

Whether her department will address the scarcity of water in the (a) Kannaland, (b) Ladysmith and (c) Oudtshoorn Local Municipalities; if not, why not; if so, (i) what short-term measures are in place to ensure that the scarcity and/or lack of water in these municipalities does not negatively affect their economic potential and (ii) what are the further relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (a) The Kannaland Local Municipality experienced water shortages due to the lack of adequate storage capacity. Currently Kannaland is experiencing lack of adequate rainfall which is exacerbating the water shortage problem over and above the lack of storage.

My Department jointly with the Municipality of Kannaland has embarked on a study to determine the need of additional storage capacity for the town of Ladysmith where the existing JF Le Grange dam is leaking water and is considered to be inadequate for current and future storage of the amount of water for growth and development. The study was completed recently and my Department's planning section would advise the Kannaland Municipality on the Minister's directives in this regard.

Also, my Department has supported the Municipality of Kannaland to access groundwater and jointly funded the drilling and equipping of boreholes. This exercise has proven to be successful and the Municipality for Kannaland has access to adequate supplies of groundwater and has enhanced its water security with significant funding from this Department and from the Kannaland Municipality.

Some funding and support was garnered from Local Government under the water sector leadership and guidance of my Department.

- (b) Further, my Department has assisted the Oudtshoorn Municipality with access to groundwater which is being tested and researched for supply to the Municipality. There are delays experienced with equipping and supplying groundwater to the Klein Karoo scheme and subsequently to water users after treatment due mainly to the supply of water services at the Oudtshoorn Municipality. The Klein Karoo Scheme was transferred to the Oudtshoorn Municipality this year and is in need of attention under the operation of the Municipality. Some areas within the Municipality are experiencing water shortages and are in need of the groundwater supplies.

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