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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 73 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr W F Faber (Northern Cape-DA) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 70 3 15

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 31.03.15

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 73

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73. Mr W F Faber (Northern Cape-DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether any (a) construction, (b) re-construction or (c) upgrading projects are currently planned for the dams in the Free State; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (a) To ensure that there is enough water for the Greater Bloemfontein area, various infrastructure upgrading around the existing dams supplying water to this Greater Bloemfontein area, such as the upgrading of the Tienfontein Pump Station, the increase of the Nova transfer capacity, a bio-directional pipeline between Welbedacht and Knellpoort dams, refurbishment of the existing pipeline between Welbedacht Dam and Bloemfontein and various improvements or extensions to existing water purification plants. A pipeline is also planned to supply water from Gariep Dam to this area.
- (b) There are currently no re-construction projects planned for the dams in the Free State.
- (c) A dam at Verbeelingskraal and the raising of the wall of the Gariep Dam will be considered to make sure there will be enough water available to meet the water requirements in the long term.

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