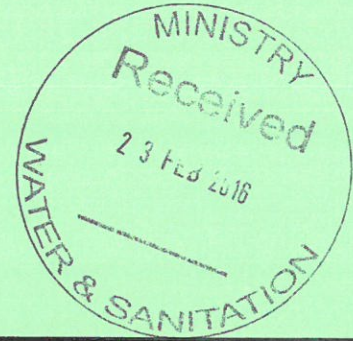




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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 118 FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Ms T E Baker (DA) is attached for your consideration.

  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

DATE: 22/02/2016

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**



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

DATE: 04.03.16

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**118. Ms T E Baker (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

Which river systems, in each province currently (a) have water quality management systems in place and (b)(i) do not have the specified systems and (ii) why not? NW118E

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**REPLY:**

- (a) For all river systems in the country, my Department has in place components of the water quality management system, such as National Monitoring programs with aspects aimed at monitoring microbiological, chemical, eutrophication and other water qualities in our water resources. My Department is also progressively determining the Resource Quality Objectives and Reserves in all catchments/ivers in the Provinces. Water quality is considered a very important function of my Department and will remain very high on its agendas.
- (b) It should be noted that there is no legal requirement for my Department to develop a water quality management system; the National Water Act (NWA) does not require the development of such a management system. Companies are required in terms of ISO14001 to develop a management system. My Department does however have systems in place to deal with water quality of which ultimately catchment management strategies would include how water quality is dealt with per Water Management Area. It is only the level of water quality management that is not the same for all river systems. Capacity requirements will require my Department to progressively and over time and in separate components implement all aspects of the NWA in all catchments as stated in Section-8(3)(a). The progressive establishment of Catchment Management Agencies will also see more Strategies being developed and will have the water quality management systems entrenched.

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