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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION ★132 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr M Johnson (ANC) is attached for your consideration.


ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 22/08/2016

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED



MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

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★132. Mr M Johnson (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What are the details of her department's plans of developing a Water Plan for South Africa?

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REPLY:

My Department has embarked on the development of a National Water & Sanitation Master Plan (NW&SMP) to guide the country's present and future water and sanitation programmes. The core drivers for this initiative include the need to obtain an overall perspective of the scope of the water and sanitation business, to establish the investment required to ensure effective water resources and water and sanitation services management, as well as to facilitate effective integrated investment planning and implementation.

A Technical Task Team has been formed and various units have designated champions for various facets of the development of the NW&SMP. To date, draft concept papers for the water resources as well as for water services chapters have been prepared. Various experts will be co-opted at appropriate times, especially from entities such as other government departments, the Water Research Commission (WRC), Council of Science and Industrial Research (CSIR), academia, the national water and sanitation sector and internationally. My Department has also secured the support of an expert from the Netherlands via the Dutch Embassy who will assist with integration of the various specialist inputs into the final master plan.

Due to large scale of the work, extensive data and resource requirements as well as a need for intensive and wide consultations, the final NW&SMP can only be delivered at the end of 2018/19 financial year. However, in order to continue to guide the water and sanitation sector effectively, interim products of this work will be fed into the planning and implementation processes for sustainable water and sanitation services development and management. It is envisaged that the water and sanitation infrastructure component of the master plan will be the first substantial deliverable, in view of its high priority. The NW&SMP will include a comprehensive Water Investment Plan to guide effective investment, implementation as well as integrated development, and in doing so, facilitating the timely achievement of macro outcome goals and targets.

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