



## **water & sanitation**

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**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1722 FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Ms N K Bilankulu (ANC) is attached for your consideration.

**ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

DATE: 01/09/2016

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

DATE: 29.09.16

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1722

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1722. Ms N K Bilankulu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

(a) What progress has been made with regard to the Bucket Eradication Programme in the provinces where the specified programme has not been fully implemented and (b) what are the reasons for the delay in the completion of the specified programme? NW1972E

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REPLY:

(a) The Bucket Eradication Programme is implemented in the Northern Cape, Free State, North West and Eastern Cape Provinces, and the progress is indicated in the table below:

Province	Target	Units Completed	Flushing	Not yet Flushing	Remaining to be constructed
Northern Cape	7618	7056	3685	3371	562
Eastern Cape	3319	3269	2919	350	50
North West	223	223	223	0	0
Free State	13880	13698	1827	11871	182
	<b>25040</b>	<b>24246</b>	<b>8654</b>	<b>15592</b>	<b>794</b>

(b) Below are reasons for the delay in the completion of the specified programme:

- Extreme difficult soil conditions exist in the Northern Cape with moderate conditions in the Free State Province which requires sophisticated machinery to enable the excavation of the rock formations;
- In some towns, the extent of the sewer and water reticulation is in excess of 50km which with some difficult soil conditions slows the excavation process;
- Due to the flat terrain of some projects, deep excavations for services, often as deep as 3m must be excavated to ensure gravity flows once connected;
- Disruptions of existing services (due to excavations without drawings or designs of where existing services are located) such as water and electricity in some projects necessitate stoppages so as to restore the service before commencement.
- The availability of materials (toilet structures, pipelines for water and sewer, conservancy tanks) have posed an additional delay in terms of acquiring such from suppliers often outside of the province;
- Heavy rains in parts of the country have filled newly excavated trenches and conservancy tanks with water which should dry out before excavation continues ;
- Community protests or disputes over daily labour rates have delayed the project in some provinces for up to 3 weeks at a time.

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