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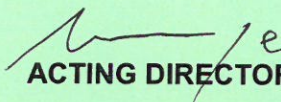
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**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION ★323 FOR ORAL REPLY**

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

  
**ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

DATE: 24/11/2016

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED



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

DATE: 29. 11.2016

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FOR ORAL REPLY

QUESTION NO ★323

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

How does her department monitor the implementation of mine closure plans, which all mines are mandated to keep?

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**REPLY:**

Whilst the mandate for mine closure is vested in the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR), my Department routinely engages the DMR on mine closure issues, particularly as regards actual/ potential post-mining water impacts and management thereof. My Department further makes recommendations to the DMR to ensure that adequate controls are in place to ensure post-mining water resource protection and management of any latent impacts.

Larger mines having constituent operations will usually implement partial closure and rehabilitation concurrently, in line with regulatory authorisations. In this regard, the DWS ensures the monitoring of mine closure and rehabilitation plans through its audit/ compliance monitoring function.

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