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# MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 220 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Ms B A Engelbrecht (Gauteng: DA) is attached for your consideration.

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 16/09/2016

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 20.09.16

#### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

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## **QUESTION NO 220**

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# 220. Ms B A Engelbrecht (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether there are any plans in place to ensure that provincial governments and municipalities work together to address (a) water conservation and (b) utilisation challenges emanating from the non-existence of water and sanitation portfolios in the different provinces and municipalities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW331E

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#### REPLY:

Yes, in terms of the Water Services Act all Water Services Authorities (WSAs) must develop Water Services Development Plans (WSDPs), wherein they must specifically address Water Conservation and Water Demand Management (WCWDM). Based on the WSDPs, WSAs must develop Integrated Development Plans (IDPs) that must include WCWDM and these activities appear in Service Delivery Business Improvement Plans (SDBIPs) where funding is committed. National, Provincial and Local Government participate in this process.

A WSA master planning process has been developed by my Department and the Municipal Infrastructure Support Agent (MISA). This process is being rolled out, which will ultimately emanate in a pipeline of projects, some of which will focus on WCWDM.

(b) The Department has also developed an incentive based municipal Regulatory No Drop system that is auditing, educating, and providing municipal awareness. The No Drop results were released at Water Institute of South Africa (WISA) Conference in May 2016. All participating municipalities received their individual results which can be regarded as a benchmark from which they can improve their performance.

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