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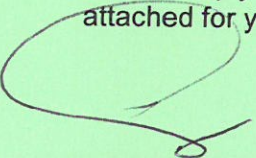
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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 32 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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


DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 1/3/16

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 04.03.16

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 32

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

- (1) Whether the Rooiwal Waste Water Treatment Plant (Plant) is functioning optimally in terms of (a) chemicals, (b) staff and (c) maintenance; if not, (i) why not and (ii) what plans are in place to ensure that the plant is in line with the national standards; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether there are any health risks as a result of the plant not functioning optimally; if not, (a) what is the position in this regard and (b) what impact has the additional sewage overflow from the plant had on the Apies River; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) Yes, there are sufficient chemicals for the Rooivaal plant Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTW).
- (1)(b) Yes, the staff compliment meets the requirements at the plant.
- (1)(c) Yes, the plant is appropriately maintained, although it is operating beyond its design capacity which at times affects the treatment capacity and efficiency.
- (2)(a) Yes. There is low to medium risk at the plant.
- (2)(b) There is no sewage overflow from Rooivaal. When the substandard effluent is discharged, it has an impact on the water resources quality of the Apies River which poses low to medium risk.

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