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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION ★87 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr M Khawula (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) is attached for your consideration.

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 22/08/2016

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS NP MOKONYANE MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 25. 08, 16

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★87. Mr M Khawula (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

With reference to her Budget Speech in May 2016, an amount of R795 million was allocated to KwaZulu-Natal for the regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant Programme (details furnished), (a) when did the (i) Nongoma Bulk Water and (ii) Jozini-Ingwavuma Bulk Water supply project commence, (b) how much has been spent on each to date and (c) why is there a delay in the completion of the Usuthu Bulk water supply in Nongoma?

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REPLY:

- (a)(i) The Nongoma Bulk Water, construction commenced on 23 November 2010.
- (a)(ii) The Jozini-Ingwavuma Bulk Water Supply, construction commenced on 25 October 2010.
- (b) A total of R359 844 073 of RBIG funds have been spent on the Nongoma Bulk water project to date and a total of R906 342 751 of RBIG funds have been spent on the Jozini-Ingwavuma Bulk Water Supply project to date.
- (c) The delay in the completion of the Usuthu Project is due to the following factors:
 - The project has a huge footprint and requires large amounts of funds to complete the entire project. As the RBIG funding countrywide is limited, annual allocations to projects are not sufficient to roll projects out within normal periods of time. The Usuthu Project is also affected by this shortage of funds. The magnitude of contracts which can be awarded on a yearly basis is therefore limited by funding shortages, causes the project to be implemented over a longer period of time than would normally be done.
 - Completion of the scheme is estimated for the 2020/21 financial year. However, the Department is making efforts to get additional funding so that the scheme can be completed before 2020.

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