



## water & sanitation

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**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION ★344 FOR ORAL REPLY**

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr L J Basson (DA) is attached for your consideration.

**ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

DATE: 20/11/2018

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/~~AMENDED~~

**NKWINTI GE, MP  
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

DATE: 03/12/2018

**FOR ORAL REPLY**

**QUESTION NO ★344**

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**★344. Mr L J Basson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

By what date will his department release its next Blue and Green Drop report on the state of water and sanitation infrastructure in the country? NO4013E

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**THE MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

- (1) The 2015 Blue Drop Progress Assessment Tool (PAT) Report will be released once the necessary approvals have been received while the 2016 Blue Drop PAT Report is undergoing quality assurance prior to submission for approval. The 2016 Blue Drop PAT Report will be done by the end of January 2019. It should be noted that these reports are not dealing with the state of water and sanitation infrastructure but drinking water quality management and associated risks.
- (2) The 2017 Green Drop PAT Report will be released once the process of quality assurance has been concluded and necessary approvals have been received. Assessment of wastewater treatment works has been completed and the process to follow is quality assurance and writing of the report. The writing of the report depends on the appointment and approval of a Professional Service Provider (PSP). It is anticipated that this work will be completed by end of June 2019.

**Additional information:**

The Green Drop PAT report seeks to highlight level of effluent compliance, taking into account some level of details with respect to the design and capacity of wastewater treatment works (WWTWs) in comparisons to receiving flows at the WWTWs and the Technical Skills operating the plant. The aim of the report is to highlight on wastewater management and associated risks.

The process of releasing the Blue Drop and Green Drop PAT Reports is as follows: The Department conducts consultative assessments with the Water Services Authorities (WSAs), confirmation assessments are then done with the WSAs to correct captured information on the scorecards. This is then followed by moderation of the confirmed assessments as a form of quality check. The moderation team then compiles WSA, Provincial and National Reports. These reports are then quality assured upon completion and the Final Report is submitted to the Minister for approval.

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