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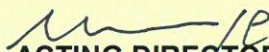
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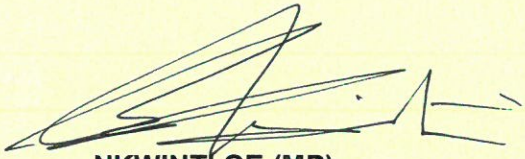
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1329 FOR WRITTEN 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: 14/05/2018

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


NKWINTI GE (MP)
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
DATE: 19 MAY, 2018

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1329

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(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 14)

1329. Mr L J Basson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

(a) What steps will his Department take to address the pollution and health risks associated with the untreated sewerage from the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality running into the streets and into the streams of Coligny and Tlhabologang in North West and (b) by what date will the specified measures be put in place?

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THE MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

(a) A notice of intention to issue a directive was hand delivered to the Ditsobotla Local Municipality (LM) and Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality (DM) on 18 May 2017 with regard to the findings of the site inspection conducted on 05 April 2017. However, our Department did not receive any response from neither Ditsobotla LM nor Ngaka Modiri Molema DM in terms of the notice of intention to issue a directive.

A follow up inspection was conducted on 26 July 2017 and 14 March 2018, and our Department found that there were improvements except that the Contractor was appointed to upgrade the pump station which was spilling.

Subsequently, our Department issued a directive in terms of Section 19(3) and Section 53(1) of the National Water Act of 1998(Act 36 of 1998), to the Municipal Manager of Ditsobotla LM and of Ngaka Modiri Molema DM on 23 April 2018 directing the municipality to stop the pollution.

(b) The Ngaka Modiri Molema DM has reported that the construction of the new Waste Water Treatment Plant and the pump station project which is funded through Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) is currently 95% complete with pavement at the pump station and an upgrade of a transformer still outstanding. The commissioning of the project is anticipated by end May 2018.