



## water & sanitation


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**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2475 FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr N Paulsen (EFF) is attached for your consideration.

  
**ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

DATE: 07/09/2018

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DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

  
**NKWINTI GE (MP)**  
**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

DATE: 17/09/2018

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WRITTEN REPLY

**QUESTION NO 2475**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 26)**

**2475. Mr N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation: *[Interdepartmentally transferred from Environmental Affairs on 31 August 2018]***

What are the pollution levels of each river in South Africa in the 2017-18 financial year?

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**THE MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

A total of 440 water monitoring sites in the nine (9) water management areas were monitored for chemical monitoring programme in 2017/18 financial year. Salinity levels for rivers were regarded as good to very good indicating moderate to less pollution in 80% of the coverage in the nine (9) water management areas.