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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 34 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr L B Gaehler (Eastern Cape: UDM) is attached for your consideration.

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 10/04/2018

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 13/04/2018

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FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 34

<u>DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 23 FEBRUARY 2018</u> (INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO.03)

- 34. Mr L B Gaehler (Eastern Cape: UDM) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:
 - (1) How much was (a) budgeted for and (b) spent in the (i) 2012/13, (ii) 2013/14, (iii) 2014/15, (iv) 2015/16 and (v) 2016/17 financial years for the Xhora Dam in the Mbhashe Local Municipality;
 - (2) whether there are any (a) short- and/or (b) long-term employment opportunities for the local communities regarding the construction of the dam and after completion; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
 - (3) what is the expected completion date of the project?

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REPLY:

(1)

| Financial year | (a) Budget | (b) Expenditure |
|----------------|------------|-----------------|
| (i) 2012/13 | 15 814 003 | 15 814 003 |
| (ii) 2013/14 | 6 969 067 | 6 969 067 |
| (iii) 2014/15 | 50 397 673 | 50 397 673 |
| (iv) 2016/17 | 33 046 192 | 33 046 192 |

- 2(a) The Xhora dam is a component of Xhora bulk water Scheme. To date 722 people have been employed for the Xhora bulk water Scheme of which 121 people has been employed on the dam. These are all short-term positions.
- ((b) Once the scheme is complete 4 permanent positions will be created for operation and maintenance of the scheme, of which 2 posts are currently filled.
- (3) The dam is expected to be completed in December 2018, with the bulk infrastructure to be completed by December 2020.

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