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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2784 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: 30 /11 /2018

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 03/12/7018

NATIONALASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 2784

<u>DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 14 SEPTEMBER 2018</u> (INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 30)

2784. Mr L J Basson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

(a) Why has his department not furnished the National Treasury with the required paperwork to approve the appointment of a certain law firm (name furnished) to conduct the forensic investigation into allegations of corruption and maladministration in his department, (b) who is responsible for providing such paperwork to the National Treasury and (c) by what date will the specified paperwork be sent to the National Treasury?

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THE MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

- (a) The Honorable member is advised to note that the process for the appointment of Werksman was handed by the former employee, who was the then Acting Director-General, Mr Sifiso Mkhize alone. The Legal Services advised against the manner in which Werksman was appointed and for that reason could not participate in the appointment process. Since there is no handover report of Mr Mkhize on this matter, it will be difficult for the current Acting Director-General to provide the required responses.
- (b) As indicated above, Mr Mkhize as the then Acting Director-General was expected to request the approval of any deviation form or report the irregularity to the National Treasury.
- (c) Falls away.

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