



**MINISTRY:
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, WATER AND SANITATION
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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1198

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1198. Mr R A Lees (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

- (1) With regard to water supply to the town of Utrecht in KwaZulu-Natal, what are the details of the (a) reasons that there was no water available from 30 September 2019 to 8 October 2019, (b) action has been taken against officials who were responsible for the non-availability of water, (c) action taken to prevent any further disruptions of water supply and (d) demands made by the Utrecht community;
- (2) whether all the demands of the community have been agreed to and met; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, WATER AND SANITATION

- (1) The KwaZulu-Natal regional office of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is aware that there was a water supply interruption from 30 September to 8 October 2019 in the town of Utrecht. The interruptions were as result of a labour dispute between the Amajuba District Municipality and their employees, relating to benefits that were paid and later deducted from employees' salaries. Following a settlement in the dispute, water supply was restored on 8 October 2019.
- (2) It is suggested that the Honourable Member refer the question to the Minister of CoGTA and Traditional Affairs who will be in a better position to respond to additional questions regarding the matter.

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