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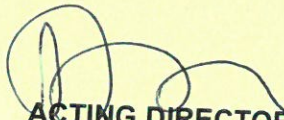
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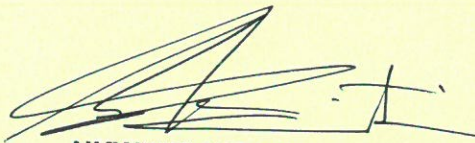
A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mrs A M Dreyer (DA) is attached for your consideration.

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**ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

DATE: 22/03/2019

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**NKWINTI GE, MP**  
**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

DATE: 26/03/2019

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### FOR WRITTEN REPLY

### QUESTION NO 189

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(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 2)

**189. Mrs A M Dreyer (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

Whether any investigations have been conducted into the continuing sewerage overflow at 25 Quinine Street, Glen Marais, Kempton Park; if not, (a) what steps will be taken to resolve the matter, (b) by what date will the specified matter be resolved, (c) what is the estimated cost, (d) what number of complaints has the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Council received regarding the matter and (e) why was the matter not resolved earlier given the number of complaints; if so, will he furnish Mrs A M Dreyer with a copy of the findings of the specified investigation?

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### **THE MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

According to information received by the department from the City of Ekurhuleni, findings of an investigation were that the sewerage overflow is as results of storm water ingress, especially when it is raining. Furthermore, building owners in the area have connected rain water gutters and are channelling storm water into sewer lines; which worsened the problem.

- (a) To resolve the problem at 60 Quinine Street specifically, the CoE has already installed non-return valves to prevent the backflow into the house. The plan is to install valves at all the other properties affected by overflows and back flows in the aftermath of rain.

The City of Ekurhuleni (CoE) is planning to send building inspectors who will assist in investigating illegal connections to the municipal sewer system. Furthermore, the CoE, through its Water and Sanitation Division, will facilitate the disconnection of all illegal connection pipes and also install non-return valves at critical affected areas.

For further information relating to (b), (c), (d) and (e); the Honourable Member is requested to refer the questions to the Minister of Corporate Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA) who will be in a better position to respond to specific details relating to the timelines to resolve the problem, costs and the number of complaints received by the Municipality with regard to this matter.

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