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★288. Ms M R Semanya (ANC) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation:

What steps is she taking to ensure that the performance, planning and reporting of her department and its grant beneficiaries are customised in the Annual Performance Plans and the Annual Reports to ensure useful and reliable reporting of performance against the predetermined objectives?

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MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, WATER AND SANITATION

The beneficiaries of grants administered by my Department are the Water Service Authorities (WSAs). A Water Service Authorities is “*Any municipality, including a district or rural council as defined in the Local Government Transition Act, 1993 (Act No. 209 of 1993) responsible for ensuring access to water services.*”

My Department administers two (2) grants, namely: the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) and the Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG). These grants support the predominantly indigent areas (previously referred to as the 27 priority district municipalities).

The Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant supports the development of new and/or refurbishment of water and wastewater infrastructure across municipal boundaries. The Water Services Infrastructure Grant supports water service authorities in developing interim and intermediate water supply to reduce water and sanitation backlogs.

The projects funded by these grants are identified through the Integrated Development Plans (IDPs) and Water Services Development Plans (WSDPs) of the water service authorities. These are reviewed by a technical appraisal committee and recommended for approval and

funding. The technical appraisal committee comprises of my department's planning unit, provincial representatives and the water services authorities.

My Department's annual performance plan lists all projects that will be funded through each grant per province and benefitting water service authority.

When the projects are under construction, the DWS receives monthly reports from the water service authorities. In addition, the department conducts quarterly performance evaluations in collaboration with the water service authorities and compiles a consolidated report of all RBIG funded projects. The DWS also conducts on the ground verification of grant funded projects. The progress of these projects is included in the DWS' quarterly and annual reports. Completion certificates are required from certified engineers to ensure the reliability of reported performance.

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