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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION ★293 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr D Mnguni (ANC) is attached for your consideration.

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 20/11/2018

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

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★293. Mr D Mnguni (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) What progress has been made in implementing measures to rationalise and revitalise his department since the commitments he made in his Budget Vote speech, Vote 36, on 22 May 2018;
- (2) have there been any challenges in implementing the commitments; if so, how are they being addressed?

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THE MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

- (1) The Department has established an Interim Organizational Structure ((IOS) which constitutes the framework within which structural changes will be made.

The process is underway to establish the National Water and Sanitation Advisory Council. In the interim I am in the process of appointing three (3) water and sanitation experts to join the Advisory Panel on Electricity Reticulation and Distribution in the Ministry of CoGTA. This is in line with the water-energy Nexus perspective. I have decided to continue with the establishment of the nine (9) Catchment Management Agencies and a task team has been established to consult with the organised labour.

The review of the existing service provider contracts is at an advanced stage and a few of them have been handed over to legal services with the aim of either renegotiating or cancelling of them.

The construction of the Department is being revitalized, with the aim of increasing its capacity to handle more infrastructure projects. The unit has been assigned projects such as some drought relief projects, Clan-William and part of the Umzimvubu projects. An empowerment model, based on the PPPFA is in place and being implemented.

- (2) The negotiations are taking longer than usually due to the fact that it requires discussions with organised labour and the DPSA.

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