



**MINISTRY:
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FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 764 (★57)

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764. Mr L J Basson (DA) to ask the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation: [★57]:

(a) By what date will the second phase of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project be completed and (b) what is the projected final cost? NW1814E (NO1814E)

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MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, WATER AND SANITATION

(a) Impoundment of water in Polihali Dam will commence in mid Aug 2024 and water deliveries to Katse Dam in Feb 2026. The planned date of completion of the Project is measured when the first water can be delivered from Polihali Dam into Katse Dam.

PHASE II MASTER IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM	
ITEMS	CRITICAL DATES
Designs of Advanced Infrastructure commenced	Apr 2015 – end Sept 2018
Award tenders for construction of Advanced Infrastructure	End June 2018 – Jan 2020
Tenders awarded for Polihali Dam design and Polihali Tunnel design	Dam: Jul 2017 Tunnel: Nov 2017
Award tenders for construction of Polihali Dam and Tunnel	Dam: Sept 2020 Tunnel: Apr 2020
Start impounding water in Polihali dam	Aug 2024
Water delivery to augment Katse Dam for RSA deliveries	Feb2026 (Highly dependent on reasonable rainfall)

- (b) The final cost at completion of Phase II of the Project in 2026 will be R 32,562,290,145.00 this includes provision for escalation due to inflation up to 2026, and a contingency amount to take care of unforeseen circumstances during the implementation of all features of the Project.

PHASE II BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE TO DATE			
Water Transfer : Audited costs to June 2019			
Cost by Category	Revised LTCP (Nov 2018)	Cost to Date (June 2019)	Expended %
All Engineering	2,100,100,033	350 897 766	16,7%
Construction - Main works	13,204,085,486	-	0,0%
Construction - Advanced infrastructure	4,800,345,677	114 284 833	2,4%
Administration & PMU	551,542,109	325 681 635	59,0%
Environmental & Social	1,201,963,757	105 330 757	8,8%
Sub-totals	21,858,037,062	896 194 991	4,1%
Escalation – LSL (Lesotho Loti)	4,432,007,238	75 305 037	1,7%
Escalation – Forex	2,989,867,884	48 158 208	1,6%
Sub-totals	29,279,912,184	1 019 658 236	3,5%
Contingency	3,282,377,961	67 556 115	2,1%
Total	32,562,290,145	1 087 214 351	3,3%

Note:

1. "Cost to date" will increase rapidly since a large number of construction contracts were awarded lately.
2. LTCP = Long Term Cost Plan

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