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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 557

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(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 32)

557. Mr S Zandamela (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Why have water tanks been supplied to the Nkangala District Municipality without support to fill them with water as it is a known fact that local municipalities in that district have collapsed and have no funds?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

The DWS provided 188 water storage tanks to the District Municipality in June 2020 as part of government-wide COVID-19 interventions. The tanks were filled with water at the cost of the DWS until October 2020, when they were handed over to local municipalities. The local municipalities must provide water to fill up the water storage tanks at all times in line with the local government mandate.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) has engaged the Nkangala District Municipality regarding shortage of funds to ensure continued supply of water through tankering. The municipality has confirmed that sufficient funds are available to continue tankering as a short term measure.

In terms of the report of the District Municipality, the status of water supply to communities in the different local municipalities is as indicated in the table below:

No	Name of the Municipality (WSA)	Number of Water Storage Tanks Delivered	Current Water Supply Methodology	Current Water Supply Challenges
1.	Dr JS Moroka	64	Reticulation and Water Tanker supply.	Drought is a challenge in the area.
2.	Thembisile Hani	50	Reticulation and Water Tanker supply.	Drought is a challenge in the area.
3.	Emalahleni	25	Reticulation and Water Tanker supply.	Water supply in new informal settlement areas.
4.	Emakhazeni	20	Reticulation and Water Tanker supply.	Water supply in new informal settlement areas.
5.	Steve Tshwete	15	Reticulation and Water Tanker supply.	Water supply in new informal settlement areas.
6.	Victor Khanye	14	Reticulation and Water Tanker supply.	Water supply in new informal settlement areas.

It should be noted that the DWS and District Municipality are considering a number of long term inteventions that will assist the municipality to resolve water supply challenges in the area. The inteventions will be funded through the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) and Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG). In the meantime, the DWS will continue to support and monitor the municipal water supply plans through the District Development Model (DDM).

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A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mr S Zandamela (Mpumalanga: EFF) is attached for your consideration.

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MS DEBORAH MOCHOTLHI ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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