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QUESTION NO 561

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(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 32)

561. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) Whether the Sedibeng Regional Sewer Scheme is included in the National Infrastructure Plan; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) Whether the said project is being prioritised; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) What action will his department take to facilitate the completion of the said project?

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- (1) The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) has 11 prioritized projects according to the Presidential Infrastructure Coordinating Commission Council under Strategic Integrated Projects (SIP) 19. The Vaal River System Intervention which includes the Sedibeng Regional Sanitation Scheme (SRSS) is the prioritised project among other projects of the department.
- (2) The DWS has appointed Rand Water in terms of Section 63 of the Water Services Act 108 of 1997 to be an Implementing Agent for the Vaal River System Intervention Programme to execute the restoration of wastewater infrastructure to an operational state.

The SRSS is part of the immediate scope of works Rand Water has been tasked to implement as mentioned above. This includes the upgrade of Sebokeng, Rietspruit and Leeuwkuil WWTWs and completion of the Meyerton WWTW.

- (a) Upgrading of Sebokeng WWTW (50 MI/day Module 6) was completed in December 2020. However, the final inspection and handover of the sludge dewatering facility of the WWTW was completed in August 2021. The project is currently under defects liability period until the end of August 2022. It should be noted that it was resolved that some of the remaining minor scope for civil works was to be deferred to Module 7 and allocated to emerging and local service providers. The minor civil works scope includes:
- Landscaping
 - Paving
 - Cleaning services
 - Ground Maintenance
 - Security services
- (b) Upgrading of Sebokeng WWTW (50 MI/day Module 7) tender documents have been finalised and the project is ready to go out on tender.
- (c) Upgrading of Meyerton WWTW by 15MI/day, is 94% complete for Civil work, 81% for Mechanical work, 88% complete for Electrical work. However, delays have been experienced due to inclement weather, community stoppages, labour strike and demobilization of the Civil Contractor (Civil contractor liquidated).
- (d) Construction of the SRSS (upgrading of Leeuwkuil WWTW by 35 MI/day and Rietspruit WWTW by 15MI/day) is part of the immediate scope of works.
- (e) Construction of the Rothdene Pump Station Rising Main is 88% complete. The pipe has been laid, pipe jacking undertaken, and valve chambers constructed.
- (3) The project has been prioritised and is part of the immediate scope of works that will be undertaken by Rand Water. A panel of contractors for civil engineering services was appointed in June 2021. Tender documents for Mechanical and Electrical engineering services will be appointed early in 2022.

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MS DEBORAH MOCHOTLHI
ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 18/01/2022