



## water & sanitation

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#### FOR WRITTEN REPLY

#### QUESTION NO 583

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(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 35)

**583. Mr C F B Smit (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to previous correspondence (details furnished) he or his department has been informed of the challenges experienced in the Mogalakwena Local Municipality regarding water shortages; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) why has the said municipality and the Water Board not been provided with a letter from his office or his department to release the water that has been approved for such municipality (details furnished) and (b) on what date will the approval letter be expected from him or his department?

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#### **MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

- (1) Yes, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is aware of the challenges experienced in the Mogalakwena Local Municipality regarding water shortages.

The Department is continuing funding Infrastructure water projects through Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) and Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) to address water shortages in Mogalakwena Local Municipality.

The Mogalakwena Local Municipality has appointed a consultant to conduct groundwater exploration for alternative water sources. There are two possible new groundwater resources, namely water from the Grass Valley chrome mine and on the farms, Pruizen and Rooipoort have been identified to supply the town of Mokopane, should these two new resources be developed, the supply of water to Mokopane will be stabilised.


Desktop studies that were conducted show that the two new sources can yield 3.2 MI/day each (6.4 MI/day combined). The chrome mine may even yield more water but this will have to be confirmed. (In the case of the Pruizen A/ Rooipoort resource, further drilling work is still required to confirm this volume.)

(2) (a) Based on the operating rules for Letaba River system, Olifants and Mogalakwena system, there is no restrictions on domestic water supply on Doorndraai Dam, for the year 2021/22. The restrictions imposed by DWS on the raw water abstraction were uplifted following the improvement in the level of the Doorndraai Dam. The remaining challenge at the dam is the dilapidated Sterk River canal system, and its unacceptable water losses along the way to the remaining registered users


(b) On 17 November 2021, correspondence was sent to Lepelle Northern Water Board to continue abstracting 12 MI/day of from Doorndraai dam for domestic usage.

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DRAFT REPLY: RECOMMENDED/ NOT RECOMMENDED/ AMENDED

  
**D MOCHOTLHI**  
**ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL**  
**DATE:** 15-12-2021

DRAFT REPLY: APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED/ AMENDED

  
**S MCHUNU, MP**  
**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**  
**DATE:** 18/01/2022