



## water & sanitation

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### MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

#### FOR WRITTEN REPLY

#### QUESTION NO 671

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#### **671. Mr M S Moletsane (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:)**

When will water and/or sanitation be provided for the communities of Penciville and White City in the Free State?

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### MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

Provision of water and sanitation infrastructure at a local level is a municipal function in terms of the Schedule 4: Part B of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

Before a municipality can invest in water infrastructure in an informal settlement, the settlement needs to be formalised.

In the interim, the municipality can provide temporary solutions such as chemical toilets and water tankers. This needs to be managed and funded by the municipality.

The Department of Water and Sanitation has contacted the municipality regarding this matter and the Letsemeng Local Municipality (LLM) has indicated that the status in relation to provision of water and sanitation at Penciville and White City is as follows:

The municipality is providing water to the settlements through:


- Four standpipes,
- One water tanker
- 8 x 5000L and 1 x 10000L water tanks.

The municipality has also reported that occupants of both settlements are utilising self-built pit latrines which are being monitored and should there be overflows, the municipality has a honeysucker available to control sewer spillage.

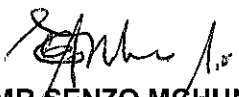
The LLM also reported that the above-mentioned settlements were formalised in 2019 and have been prioritised in its Integrated Development Plan. In addition, the municipality will submit business plans to the Departments of Water and Sanitation as well as Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs to source funding for water and sanitation infrastructure for implementation in 2022/2023 financial year.

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DRAFT REPLY: RECOMMENDED/ NOT RECOMMENDED/ AMENDED

  
**DR SEAN PHILLIPS**  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**  
DATE: 12/01/22

DRAFT REPLY: APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED/ AMENDED

  
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**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**  
DATE: 21/01/2022