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114. Mrs M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What support will (a) his department and (b) the implementing agent, Umgeni Water Board, provide to the eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality that has recently requested support from his department to assist with the extensive wastewater spillages in their areas of jurisdiction in KwaZulu-Natal to address the ever-growing contamination of water sources with its associated health risks?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

The Department of Water and Sanitation as well as Umgeni Water has not received a formal request for support in terms of wastewater spillages from eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality.


However, in the event that sewer spillage was to be detected or reported, the Department, in its regulatory role, would direct the eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality as the Water Services Authority, in terms of Section 19(3) of the National Water Act, to take the necessary remedial action.

Since there is an existing Section 19 (Water Services Act) contract between eThekweni Metro and Umgeni Water as the water services provider for the Metro, Umgeni Water could also be tasked by the Metro to assist with the implementation of remedial action.

The Department is not in a position to render financial assistance since the grant framework prevents the use of the Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) within metropolitan areas. The Urban Settlement Development Grant (USDG) administered through the Department of Human Settlements is meant for this purpose.


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DR SEAN PHILLIPS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DATE: *08/03/22*



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MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
DATE: *17/03/2022*