



## water & sanitation

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### QUESTION NO ★139

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### ★139. Mr M A Tseki (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

In light of the fact that the Municipal Infrastructure Grant has been of assistance in building reservoirs in Midvaal and Merafong City Local Municipalities, and that many mega projects are delayed due to water and sanitation reticulation infrastructure, what are the details of his department's intervention, in collaboration with the Department of Human Settlements, to resolve the challenge of delayed mega projects?

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### MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

Delays to implement mega water and sanitation projects are caused by inadequate funding allocations from infrastructure grants. However, as part of the Department of Water and Sanitation's (DWS) plan to intervene and accelerate the implementation of these projects, grant funding for water and sanitation infrastructure will be reprioritised to ensure that unfunded projects receive adequate funding.

As part of the current intervention by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) the construction of Rothdene wastewater pump station and raising mains is underway as part of the Sedibeng Regional Sewer Scheme (SRSS). The project is situated in the south of Meyerton in Midvaal Local Municipality in the Rothdene residential area next to the Klip River.

The project has been allocated funding of R33 788 539.00 (R34 million) in 2020/21, R120 000 000 (R120 million) in 2021/22 and R60 000 000 (R60million) for the 2022/2023 financial year through the Regional Water Infrastructure Grant (RBIG). The project is being implemented by Rand Water and construction progress is at 94% with an expected completion date of October 2022.

The Midvaal and Merafong City Local Municipalities have also been allocated Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) funding to ensure that water and sanitation services are being addressed while waiting for the mega projects to be completed. The projects are aimed at funding new


infrastructure and refurbishing existing infrastructure for water and sanitation. Municipal allocations are as follows:

Municipality	Grant	Actual Expenditures/ Transfers 2020/21	Budget Allocation 2021/22	Actual Expenditures / Transfers 28 Feb 2022	Budget Allocation 2022/23
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Merafong	WSIG 5b	42 200	40 000	29 159	40 420
Midvaal	WSIG 5b	15 825	18 000	15 000	18 864
<b>Total</b>		<b>58 025</b>	<b>58 000</b>	<b>44 159</b>	<b>59 284</b>


The department has further convened a water summit on 18-19 February 2022 involving various stakeholders including to solicit inputs so that we develop an inclusive and comprehensive plan to address other challenges that are hampering the completion of water and sanitation projects.

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**DR SEAN PHILLIPS**  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**  
 DATE: 04/03/22

DRAFT REPLY: APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED/ AMENDED ✓

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