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QUESTION NO 758

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758. Mr P G Moteka (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

(a) What total amount has been allocated for the 2022-23 financial year to end the water crisis at the Sekhukhune District and (b) which monitoring mechanisms have been put in place to avoid the misdirection of money by corrupt individuals?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

The Sekhukhune District Municipality (DM) has been allocated a total budget of R130 million through the Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG) to implement the Mooihoek, Nebo and Moutse Bulk Water Supply Projects.

The municipality has also been allocated R 51,6 million through the Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) to implement water services projects which include groundwater development, construction of storage tanks and reticulation in various areas within the Sekhukhune DM, including the Maebe, Tukakgomo and GaMarishane villages.

Both grants are under schedule 6B and are indirect transfers and can only be paid as per the invoice of work done by the service providers and verified by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the Sekhukhune DM, and project steering committee.

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As the transferring department, the DWS ensures that requirements of Division of Revenue Act (DORA) are complied with. The conditions which must be met are outlined in the business plans or and include the following:

- Budget and expenditure plan for the funded projects
- The scope and timeframe
- Municipalities must demonstrate in their business plans how they plan to manage, operate and maintain the infrastructure over the long term

Additional monitoring provided by the DWS includes the following:

- The DWS undertakes site visits to all projects that are funded to confirm that projects are being implemented and progressing in line with the business plans
- Invoices are verified against progress on the ground before payments are effected by the DWS
- The WSA must submit monthly reports to the DWS for effective monitoring of the projects

The municipality is also required to establish a steering committee and project management teams to ensure ongoing monitoring for projects under implementation.

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL
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DRAFT REPLY: APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED/ AMENDED

MR SÉNZO MĆHUNU, MP

MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 99/02 /2022