



water & sanitation

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QUESTION NO 109

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109. Mr S Zandamela (Mpumalanga: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What interventions will be undertaken to prevent Rand Water from reducing the water pressure by 20% in the Govan Mbeki Local Municipality because of non-payment by the municipality.

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION:

The Department of Water and Sanitation engaged the Govan Mbeki Local Municipality on the 08 March 2022 and was briefed about the matter as indicated below:

- Rand Water is a water provider to the Govan Mbeki Local Municipality. The outstanding debt owed to Rand Water by the Municipality was not being serviced and accumulated to R506 987 663.
- The monthly bill is approximately R34 million a month and was previously serviced by the municipality twice a month at the beginning of the month and during the month after collecting revenue.

After an engagement between Rand Water and Govan Mbeki on 8 March 2022, the following was agreed upon:


- The repayment plan was tabled for council consideration under item number A025/02/2022 at its meeting of 07 of March 2022 to obtain a binding council resolution so that the 20% water reduction by Rand water can be avoided in the future. The council resolved that the amount be negotiated

with Rand Water to structure the repayment plan over a period of five years, subject to the provisions of Section 33 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003.


- The Municipality has indicated that it has requested that the plan for the historical debt settled over the next five years so that both the historical and current debt can be serviced

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DRAFT REPLY: RECOMMENDED/ ~~NOT RECOMMENDED~~/ AMENDED


DR SEAN PHILLIPS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DATE: 05/04/22

DRAFT REPLY: APPROVED/ [✓]NOT APPROVED/ AMENDED


MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
DATE: 14/04/2022