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

What steps have been taken to assist the community of eMpumelelweni in Mpumalanga that has been without water for a long time?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

The eMpumelelweni informal settlement is one of the strategic development areas within the Emalahleni Local Municipality which is being prioritised for the provision of municipal basic services.

There is limited access to basic municipal services for the residents of eMpumelelweni due to rapid population growth caused by in-migration, and lack of bulk water supply infrastructure. The municipality is currently supplying the residents of Empumelelweni with water through water tankers.

During consultation with the Department of Water and Sanitation on 04 April 2022, the following was reported by the Emalahleni Local Municipality in terms of its plans to address backlogs for water services for the eMpumelelweni informal settlement:

- Projects are being implemented within the eMpumelelweni area in a phased approach to ensure water availability as follows:

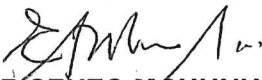
- The provincial Department Human Settlements (DHS) is facilitating connections to the main bulk water reservoirs to supply the area of Empumelelweni
- In the 2020/21 financial year, the municipality implemented the provision of housing and network connection at Empumelelweni collaboration with the DHS
- The municipality is also upgrading the existing water pump station and two reservoirs, and will install water meters over a five-year period utilising the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) allocation of R100 million.

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DR SEAN PHILLIPS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DATE: 13/04/22

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MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
DATE: 04/5/22