



## water & sanitation

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#### FOR WRITTEN REPLY

#### QUESTION NO 27

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**27. Mr C F B Smit (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) Whether he has been informed of the problem of constant electricity outages at the Lepelle Northern Water Board's Doorndraai Dam's pump station; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) when was he informed of such problems, (b) what are the reasons for such outages, (c) what has been done regarding them to date and (d) when will they be resolved. –
- (2) (a) what is the total budget that has been allocated to resolve the said problem and (b) for which financial year/s. –
- (3) whether he has considered the option of (a) solar and/or (b) other green power alternatives; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details. –
- (4) whether there is a backup generator available; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will that be attended to; if so, (i) is it in working condition and (ii) what are the further relevant details?

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## MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

- (1) (a) No, the Minister has not been informed of power outages at the Lepelle Northern Water (LNW) Board's Doorndraai Dam's pump station. Electricity outages are reported to Mogalakwena Local Municipality (MLM) as the electricity service provider.
- (b) The municipality has informed the department that the reasons for the outages are due to budgetary constraints by Mogalakwena which needs to refurbish its aging electrical infrastructure. This challenge can only be resolved when funds are availed to the municipality.
- (c-d) When there are electrical outages, the LNW uses a diesel generator as a backup power source. The generator can pump the required quantity as per Service Level Agreement with Mogalakwena Local Municipality. The generator can supply 11,4 megaliters (Ml/d) per day to the town of Mogalakwena.
- (2-3) The Municipality does not have sufficient funding to refurbish the infrastructure and is in the process of sourcing funding from the Development Bank of South Africa (DBSA) to develop the energy master plan that will incorporate the implementation plan.
- (4) The LNW utilises a diesel generator at the Doorndraai Water Treatment Works and can supply 11,4 megaliters (Ml/d) per day to the town of Mogalakwena when there are electrical outages.

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

  
**DR SEAN PHILLIPS**  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

DATE: 24/04/22

DRAFT REPLY: APPROVED/ <sup>✓</sup> NOT APPROVED/ AMENDED

  
**MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP**  
**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

DATE: 08/03/2022