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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

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QUESTION NO 55

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55. Mr M A P De Bruyn (Free State: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether his department is planning to close down Sedibeng Water; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) which municipalities were consulted in this regard, (b) what will happen to the debt that is owed to the said water board by the municipalities and (c) how much is owed by each municipality?

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The Department embarked on an Institutional Reform and Realignment (IRR) process which includes the review of water boards, starting with disestablishment of the Sedibeng Water Board. The review of Water Boards is based on the following considerations, amongst others:

- Financial sustainability,
- Servicing areas that are not currently being serviced
- Addressing institutional confusion caused by the geographic footprint of several Water Boards which results in multiple water boards serving the same areas

Consultations on the disestablishment of Sedibeng Water were undertaken with all stakeholders, including three Provincial Governments, namely North West, Free State and Northern Cape.

- (a) The following municipalities were also consulted in terms of Section 28 of Water Services Act No. 108 of 1997 (WSA):
- Ditsobotla Local Municipality
 - Tsantsabane Local Municipality
 - Dikgatlong Local Municipality
 - Gamagara-Khathu Local Municipality
 - Joe Morolong Local Municipality
 - Khai-Ma Local Municipality
 - Mahikeng Local Municipality
 - Maquassi Hills Local Municipality
 - Matjhabeng Local Municipality
 - Nala Local Municipality
 - Nama-Khoi Local Municipality
 - Ngaka Modiri District Municipality
- (b) The assets and liabilities of Sedibeng Water will be transferred to the receiving entities, namely Magalies and Bloem Water Boards.
- (c) The debt owed by municipalities to the Sedibeng Water Board by municipalities as at 31 January 2022 is indicated in the table below:

MUNICIPALITIES	TOTAL BALANCE
Matjhabeng LM	4 632 181 157,10
Maquassi Hills LM	243 073 588,65
Nala LM	245 135 304,07
Joe Morolong LM	1 334 947,25
Dikgatlong LM	18 308 034,66
Gamagara-Khathu LM	2 066 442,25
Tsantsabane LM	72 179 317,36
Ditsobotla LM	69 721 120,51
Mahikeng LM	262 310 052,96
Ngaka Modiri Molema DM	63 073 759,04
Khai-Ma LM	8 920 559,93
Nama-Khoi LM	203 209 192,56
TOTAL	5 821 513 476,34

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MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

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