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FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 570

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570. Ms S B Lehihi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) Why has the water crisis in the Greater Taung Local Municipality in the North West not been declared a national disaster;
- (2) Whether repairing the four borehole windmills in Ranstad Village, ward 12 would not assist in addressing the issues of water shortage in the area; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

- (1) The Greater Taung Local Municipality is not a water scarce area and is not currently experiencing a drought that requires declaration of a state of disaster. The current water supply challenges are due to dilapidated infrastructure owing to poor maintenance and non-payment for municipal services by residents. Due to its inability to collect sufficient revenue, the municipality has not been able to pay Sedibeng Water which has then implemented restrictions in terms of section 4(5) of the Water Services Act.

- (2) The refurbishment of four borehole windmills in Ranstad Village will not address the water shortage in the area and will not meet the demand for water in the area. The Department of Water and Sanitation is currently building the Taung WTW that will abstract water from the Taung Dam with a capacity of 58,900 000 cubic meter. The supply from the dam will supplement the supply from the Vaalharts Canal. The Taung WTW will be completed by the end of the 2021/22 financial year. As soon as the plant is completed, the water will be conveyed to the different villages in Taung.

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DR SEAN PHILLIPS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 18/02/22

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MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 01/03/2022