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QUESTION NO 81

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

What action has been taken to provide water to the community of Dr J S Moroka Local Municipality which is fetching water from the Mkhombo Dam because of the water shortage?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

The Dr JS Moroka Municipality operates two water supply systems that are reliant on surface and ground water. Water demand in the area is 60MI/d against a supply of 40MI/d leaving a deficit of 20MI/d. The reliability of supply is 64%. The main source of water is the Mkhombo Dam which is low due to drought conditions. Supply is currently augmented through controlled releases from Rust de Winter dam.

The Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality has entered into water a supply Service Level Agreement with the Thembisile Hani Local Municipality to supply 5.5 MI/day of water through the Waalkraal Pump Station. However, the Thembisile Hani Local Municipality cannot meet this obligation given its own water shortage challenges. This has worsened the water shortage situation in the Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality.

The short- term interventions for provisioning or distribution of water at the Dr JS Moroka LM are as follows:


- The municipality is using 17 water tankers that are supplying supply 4Ml/day of water in the area
- The Nkangala District Municipality has provided three water tankers with a capacity of 2 X 18 000L and 1 X 10 000L respectively to the municipality to supplement water available to communities
- There are 45 water storage tanks which were provided by the Department of Water and Sanitation which are replenished by the municipality

The municipality also relies on 115 boreholes which previously had an output of 16 l/s that has decreased to 5.5 l/s due to drought conditions.

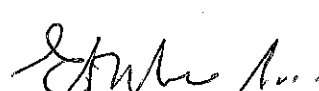
An emergency pipeline from the Loskop Irrigation Water Supply system to augment raw water supply to Dr JS Moroka LM is being refurbished. The pipeline provides for 6 megalitres per day. This intervention is funded by the Provincial Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs through a Municipal Infrastructure Grant allocation of R53.8 million. Upon completion in June 2022, the pipeline will provide raw water to the Weltevreden Water Treatment Plant. The DWS has allocated R5 million which has been approved the 2022/ 2023 financial year to conduct feasibility studies for the Western Highveld Bulk Water Supply Scheme which is due to be finalised by June 2022.

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DR SEAN PHILLIPS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DATE: 30/03/22


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MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
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