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QUESTION NO 2626

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2626. Mrs M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

In light of the dire situation in Emfuleni Local Municipality where thousands of residents lack access to water despite over R65 million being paid to contractors, what are the details of the oversight mechanisms his department has in place to ensure that funds allocated for water services are effectively utilised and that such critical service delivery failures are addressed promptly?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

The department has not paid R65 million to contractors for water services in Emfuleni Local Municipality, and neither has Rand Water. Rand Water has been paying contractors to work on waste water treatment systems in Emfuleni. It is possible that Emfuleni Local Municipality might have appointed contractors to work on its water systems using its own funds, but DWS would not have this information.

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