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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY** 

**QUESTION NO 3795** 

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## 3795. Mrs C Phillips (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) Whether, in light of the water shortage in the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, he will furnish Mrs C Phillips with copies of the water use license issued in respect of Portion 59 of the Farm Oorzaak 335JQ in Rustenburg, North West; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether, in addition to the specified water use license, any other license was issued in respect of the above-mentioned property for the discharge of water containing waste as required by Section 21 (f) of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the further relevant details?

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## MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

- (1) There is no water use license or any water registration issued by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in respect of Portion 59 of the Farm Oorzaak 335JQ, nor a water use application that was submitted to the Department for processing.
- (2) There is no Section 21 (f) water use registered with the Department on Portion 59 of the Farm Oorzaak 335JQ.

The DWS undertook a site visit to investigation the matter on 17 November 2023 to investigate the alleged unlawful development of this chrome wash plant on Portion 59 of the Farm and is the process of issuing a Notice of intention to issue a Directive in terms of National Water Act to the company responsible for chrome wash plant. Further administrative action to be taken and time frame will be guided by the response to be received from Chrome wash plant owners.

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DR SEAN PHILLIPS DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DRAFT REPLY: APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED/ AMENDED

SENZO MCHUNU, MP

MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

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