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Media Statement by the Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry, Mr Ronnie Kasrils, M.P.

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It has been reported that the houses of people who have defaulted in their payment of services in the Overstrand Local Authority, will be auctioned off to defray costs. The Overstrand Local Authority has incorporated the former Greater Hermanus Local Authority, with whom we have worked very closely in developing the award-winning "Greater Hermanus Water Conservation Programme". The core goals of this very successful programme are to ensure that water is affordable, and that there is an embracing of the Masakhane Campaign. These reports are therefore of extreme concern to me. I am dispatching my advisor, Dr Guy Preston, and regional director, Mr Rashid Khan, to meet with the Overstrand councilors and officials on my behalf. I shall issue a statement on this matter once I have received their report.

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