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Department:  
Water and Sanitation  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### Department of Water and Sanitation committed to good governance

**13 February 2017**

The Department of Water and Sanitation remains committed to good governance while ensuring service delivery.

The department was allocated a budget of R15.5billion for the 2016/17 financial year and the department has spent R12.6billion to date. There is still an amount of R2.9 billion available until the end of the current financial year (31 March 2017). This is in line with the Department's projected cash flows and would not impact negatively on any infrastructure projects.

The department has, in line with its budget projects, been paying all invoices received from its implementing agents as and when they become due for payment and upon certification (verification) of the work done.

The reduction of the budget allocation, as per instructions from the national Treasury, means that resources required to implement the projects have been reduced. The department is also implementing cost containment measures in line with treasury directives as well as implementing adjusted project scheduling.

The department is also happy with progress to date on the Giyani intervention project, which is implemented by Lepelle Northern Water; this includes the following:

- Critical emergency/ short term project - which has been completed successfully.
- Emergency/ long term project – it is in progress in line with the project milestones.
- Other associated projects are in different implementation stages in line with the project plans.

Treasury prescripts and measures are continuously being put in place to ensure good financial management. The results of these efforts can be seen by the achievement of an unqualified audit that was achieved in the last financial year; the first unqualified audit that the department received since 2009.

**End**

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