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MEDIA STATEMENT

DWS has transferred funds to Rand Water for War on Leaks programme

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On Friday, 31 August 2018, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) transferred an amount of R30 million to Rand Water for the War on Leaks project.

This money will assist Rand Water, as the implementing agent, to effect stipend payments to the trainees as soon as the money clears on their account.

The Department apologizes to the trainees for the delay regarding these payments.

The Minister of Water and sanitation has given instruction that the necessary funding has to be found within the DWS budget to ensure the War on Leaks programme reaches finality.

The War on Leaks initiative is meant to ultimately assist municipalities' operations and maintenance efforts to ensure the municipal infrastructure does not fall into further decay. Those trainees from particular municipalities should hopefully be absorbed into affected municipalities as such

It is regrettable that a particular DWS employee, namely Ms Ndileka Mohapi, has recently been singled out as a culprit that is sabotaging the programme. This undue personalized attack and casting of aspersions on Ms Mohapi is unfortunate and should not be encouraged.

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