



water & sanitation

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION * 163 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Ms L. Lzwane (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) is attached for your consideration.


ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 17/04/2018

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

The crux of the question - audits/assessments - has not been answered. Have we/have we not? I have signed it off despite this.


NKWINTZIGE (MP)
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 20/04/2018

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

QUESTION NO ★153

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★ 153. Ms L LZwane (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

Whether his department has conducted any audits and/or assessments into the state of water boards, including their governance systems, administrative efficiency and functionality; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the main challenges that are facing many water boards and (b) what interventions has his department put in place to ensure their effective management and functioning?

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THE MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

- (a) The main challenges facing water boards are :
- Poor revenue collection mainly from municipalities.
 - Raising of finance from the markets for smaller rural based water boards.
 - Governance issues between Boards and Chief Executives lead to high turnover of Chief Executives and instability in boards.
- (b) Our Department working through the Inter-Ministerial Committee with COGTA and National Treasury to enforce payment plans between water boards and municipalities.
- (c) Council Resolutions have been requested from affected municipalities.
- (d) Governance framework for the sector being developed.