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MINISTER

QUESTION NO 306 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

A draft reply to **Mr D A Worth (DA-FS)** to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

**Ms Nosipho Ngcaba
DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

DATE: 22/08/2013

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DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

**MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

DATE: 2013/08/22

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

(For written reply)

QUESTION NO. 306 CW404E
INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 23

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Mr D A Worth (DA-FS) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether the Wolhunteerskop Municipal Reserve in Bethlehem is being used for any other purposes than those allowed by the legislation; if so, what are those purposes?
- (2) Whether a request has been submitted to her department to conduct an environmental impact assessment on the Reserve; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?
- (3) Whether her department is investigating the destruction of the giant girdled lizard in the Reserve; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

306. THE MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

"Nature conservation" is listed in Schedule 4 of the Constitution, which establishes areas of concurrent national and provincial legislative competence. Wolhuterskop is a private nature reserve declared in terms of the Free State provincial legislation. It is therefore the responsibility of the provincial MEC, to whom the question should be posed.

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