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QUESTION NO. 74 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A draft reply to Mrs M Wenger (DA) to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

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

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(For written reply)

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Mrs M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

Are there any contingency plans in the provinces where drought has been particularly bad to provide the animals in parks and nature reserves with water; if not, (a) what plans does she have in place to address this critical issue, (b) by when will the plans be implemented and (c) by whom; if so, (i) how and (ii) by whom are these plans implemented?

74. THE MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

The supply of water to animals is always part of the management plans for each of the parks and nature reserves. Fortunately at this stage none of the parks and nature reserves are experiencing any form of drought stresses or water shortages. However, during drought period, its normal practice that artificial water points are established in line with respective management plans. Under such conditions parks/nature reserves use boreholes, solar pumps, windmills, electricity pumps to extract from underground sources. Water droughts or water reservoirs are utilized to store this extracted water for use by animals. At times mobile water tanks are also used to supply water where the underground water resources are unsuitable.

These plans are developed and implemented by management authorities at a park or nature reserve level

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