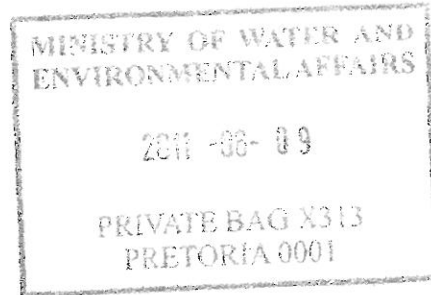




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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 1407 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mrs S V Kalyan (DA) is attached for your consideration.

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 9/06/2011

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

DATE: 18/06/2011

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 1407

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1407. Mrs S V Kalyan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) (a) When is the work on the raising of the Clanwilliam Dam (i) scheduled to commence and (ii) due for completion and (b) how much money has been allocated to this project;
- (2) whether these funds are sufficient to see the project through to completion; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the values of the properties on the Nooitgedacht Nature Reserve that are affected by the project and that are expected to be purchased by her department have been determined; if not, why not; if so, (a) when is it envisaged that these properties will be purchased by her department and (b) what are the further relevant details;
- (4) whether her department is in communication with the owners of these properties regarding the status of the project and its timelines; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a)(i) The tender design for the raising of the dam is currently in progress. Site establishment for the construction of the dam is scheduled to commence in April 2012.
- (1)(a)(ii) Depending on funding availability the target date for completion is May 2016.
- (1)(b) The Departmental budget provides for an expenditure of R333.2 million on the project for the three financial years from 2011/12 to 2013/14. The allocation for 2011/12 is R9.6 million.
- (2) No. Further funding will be required as the total cost of the project is estimated R1 6 billion and in addition funding would be required for the conveyance system to distribute the water from the raised dam to resource poor farmers and to assist in their establishment. The latter costing still has to be done and for that purpose a joint study is shortly to be undertaken by the Department in conjunction with the Western Cape Department of Agriculture.
- (3)(a) No. The values of the properties affected can only be determined after the high flood line has been finalised. The latter depends on the design of the dam wall and spillway which is still at a preliminary stage.
- (3)(b) After the spillway design is complete and the high flood level finalised, the drawings showing the new dam boundary line and schedules of the additional area required can be prepared. The independent professional valuator, already appointed, will then use this information to determine compensation for each affected property after discussions with each individual landowner.

- (4) Yes. The affected landowners were informed about the project, and the procedures to be followed, at a meeting in Clanwilliam after receipt of the Record of Decision in 2009. As soon as there is further information relevant to the acquisition of properties (as referred to in (3) above) there will be further communication and engagement with the affected landowners of progress to inform them of progress.

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