NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

WRITTEN REPLY

**QUESTION NO 1002**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 10)**

**1002. Mr J Vos (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

How much land does (a) his department and (b) the entities reporting to him (i) own, (ii) have exclusive rights to and/or (iii) lease from the State to (aa) use and/or (bb) occupy? NW1095E

**MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

1. (i) In terms of Section 1(1)(x) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act no. 36 of 1998) (NWA) the Minister owns the land on which a Government Waterwork is situated. The Minister owns, manages and controls 322 dams (Government Waterworks) country wide. The extent of the land is determined scientifically up to the dam boundary line of each dam which includes the full supply level, the 1:100 year flood line and a buffer line. All excess land must in terms of Government Immovable Asset Management Act (GIAMA) and the disposal policies of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and the National Department of Public Works (NDPW) fall back to the NDPW.

(ii) In terms of ownership the Minister has exclusive rights on the land mentioned as above. No other Custodian Departments have any right over the mentioned land because Government Waterworks are National Assets and the water source must be protected in terms of the NWA.

(iii) None, due to the fact that the Minister acquires the minimum land needed for a Government Waterwork.

(aa) Refer to (a)(1)

(bb) Refer to (a)(1)

1. Refer to Annexure A for information regarding entities reporting to the Department.

ANNEXURE A

| **(b) How much land does the entities reporting to him** | **(i) own** | **(ii) have exclusive rights to and/or** | **(iii) lease from the State to** | **(aa) use and/or** | **(bb) occupy** |
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| **Amatola Water**  | 6 Lancaster Road Vincent East London- R2 372 250.003 Lancaster Road Vincent East London-R1 332 220.17Albany Coast-R1 705 213.00 | Nahoon WTW (and related land and dwellings on site)Laing WTW (and related land and dwellings on site)Craighead Pumping Station (and related land and dwellings on site)Glenmore WTW (and related land and dwellings on site)Peddie Regional WTW (and related land and dwellings on site)Gubu Dam (and related land and dwellings on site) Wriggleswade Dam  (and related land and dwellings on site)Rooikrantz WTW (and related land and dwellings on site)Binfield WTW (and related land and dwellings on site)Debe Nek WTW (and related land and dwellings on site)Masincedane WTW (and related land and dwellings on site)Upper Mnyameni WTW (and related land and dwellings on site)Sandile WTW (and related land and dwellings on site | None | Public Works Port Elizabeth workshop – Harrower Road  | Public Works Port Elizabeth workshop – Harrower Road |
| **Bloem Water**  | 44509.1479 Hectare | 75338.89 hectare | There are no properties leased from the state | None | None |
| **Lepelle Northern Water** | 2 hectares valued at R6.4 million situated in Polokwane area  | 2 hectares valued at R6.4 million situated in Polokwane area | There are no properties leased from the state | None | None |
| **Magalies Water** | 24 properties, of which covers the area of 169 hectares, 15 of the properties own by Magalies Water are still registered with Department Public Works, and Magalies Water is in the process of transferring ownership. | Magalies Water has 226 servitudes endorsement in different properties, of which it covers 54 163M2 and 105 servitudes not registered, which covers the area of 307 hectares | There are no properties leased from the state | None | None |
| **Mhlathuze Water** | Portion 6 ERF 6724 Richards Bay Registration Division GU in the Richards Bay Transitional Local Council area, Province of KwaZulu-Natal on sub-divisional diagram S.G no. 2118/1997 in extent 2 5012 hectares; Sub 4 of Lot 8723 Richards Bay (Extension No. 28) situated in the Richards Bay Transitional Local Council Area, Administrative District of Natal, Province of KwaZulu-Natal, in extent Three comma Three Five Nought One ( 3, 3501) hectares; Portion 41 of Reserve 6 No.15 825 Registration Division GU Province of KwaZulu-Natal in extent 44,4332 ( Forty Four , Four Three Three Two) hectares;ERF 960 Eshowe ( Extension Number 9 Registration Division GU Province of KwaZulu-Natal in extent 1534( One Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Four) square metres;Portion of ERF 1413 Eshowe Registration Division GU Province of KwaZulu-Natal in extent 1441( One Thousand Four Hundred and Forty One) square metres; andPortion 1 of the farm Richards Bay No. 16990 GU situated in the Township of Richards Bay, Administrative District of KwaZulu- Natal in the extent 3 542(Three Thousand Five and Forty Two) square metres as indicated on SG Diagram 2009/1999. | Mhlathuze Water does not have land that it has exclusive right to use. | Mhlathuze Water does has have land that it is leasing from the State: | None | None |
| **Overberg Water** | No land is owned except the wastewater treatment works in three schemes and houses. | Servitude to access infrastructure in someone property such as the adjacent farm. | None | None | None |
| **Rand Water**  | 7778.798ha land owned | 4072.006ha Servitudes | None | None | None |
| **Sedibeng Water** | R142,440,370.95 (Both Land and Buildings for Office and Plant Operations: Total value of all regions combined as at 31 March 2018. Land used for Offices, Purification Plants and Pump station area is 144.9H but government owned). | R1,088,122.85 (Servitudes where the pipeline is laid. Right to use the land-Estimated area is 5.17657 km²). | None | Refer to response in (b) (i) & (ii) above | Refer to response in (b) (i) & (ii) above |
| **Umgeni Water** | Properties own by Umgeni Water are 451 | Umgeni Water has exclusive right over 473 properties | Umgeni Water is leasing no land from the State | None | None |
| **Trans Caledon Tunnel Authority (TCTA)** | Total freehold land owned: 1318.35 hectares | Land with exclusive rights: 675.39 hectares; | State Land: 1115.63 hectares | None | State Land: 1115.63 hectares |
| **Water Research Commission (WRC)** | Through its subsidiary ERF 706 Pty (Ltd) WRC is currently the registered owner of a property with a building situated in Gezina, Pretoria. This property together with the building was sold during the 2017/18 financial year and the transfer of ownership in the Deeds office is underway. | Yes, the WRC own the building and the land and at this stage has exclusive right of use until the transfer to the new owners occur and this should happen soon | The WRC does not lease land from the state | The WRC is currently leasing and using office space in 4 Daventry Street, Lynnwood Bridge, Pretoria as it has sold the property ERF706 in Gezina. | See response (aa) above |