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**1257. Mr L J Basson (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

(a) What is the current status of the Clanwilliam Dam, (b) on what date will construction (i) start and (ii) be completed, (c) who will do the construction and (d) what is the estimated cost? NW1356E

**THE MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

(a) Site establishment activities for the Raising of Clanwilliam Dam project commenced in June 2014 and were completed in September 2016. Our Department has utilised its internal Construction Unit for the completion of the necessary site establishment activities. The bid for the appointment of a private sector construction contractor was issued on 26 August 2016 and closed on 9 November 2016. However, due to unavailability of funds for the construction phase of the project the tender bid could not be awarded.

(b)(i) The Minister has ordered a budget reprioritization to accommodate construction start this financial year.

(b)(ii) The Minister has instructed that construction should start within five (5) months from May 2018.

(c) The Minister does not want to speculate on completion day. The construction unit of the Department will spearhead the construction.

(d) The estimated construction cost for the Clanwilliam Dam Raising only, is R2 200 million (2016).