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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO 2213**

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**2213. Adv A de W Alberts (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

(1) Whether, with reference to a media statement issued on 8 May 2018 by the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) on Nelson Mandela and Albertina Sisulu Centenary celebrations that the name of the Vanderkloof Dam in the Northern Cape is to be changed to the Nelson Mandela Dam, there are any plans to officially put such name change into effect; if so, when will this take place;

(2) whether his department has taken note of the petitions against such name change by the residents of the Renosterberg Local Municipality within which the dam falls; if not, why not;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? NW2382E

**THE MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

(1) No, as a Minister of Water and Sanitation I do not have powers to change the name of the Vanderkloof Dam in Northern Cape. This power is vested in the Minister of Arts and Culture.

(2) No, the Department is not aware of a petition against such change by the Residents of the Renosterberg Local Municipality.

(3) No, as the Minister of Water and Sanitation I will not be making any statement.