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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**2363. Ms T E Baker (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

(1) What are the relevant details of each outstanding water use license agreement in respect of each province?

(2) What is the (a) date on which the application for a water use license was made, (b) reason for delay and (c) expected date of finalisation? NW2725E

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**REPLY:**

(1) The relevant details of outstanding water use licence applications (WULAs) in respect of each Province appear on Table 1 below.

 Table 1: WULAs in process at the Department

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Provincial Operation** | **Initial Assessment** | **Outstanding Information** | **Finalizing Assessment** | **Awaiting decision** | **Total** |
| Eastern Cape | 17 | 50 | 25 | 0 | 92 |
| Free State | 39 | 35 | 20 | 1 | 95 |
| Gauteng | 43 | 38 | 12 | 4 | 97 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 6 | 33 | 10 | 0 | 49 |
| Limpopo | 52 | 24 | 125 | 0 | 201 |
| Mpumalanga | 266 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 328 |
| Northern Cape | 29 | 17 | 27 | 2 | 75 |
| North West | 123 | 38 | 40 | 0 | 201 |
| Western Cape | 121 | 10 | 57 | 0 | 188 |
| Head Office | 24 | 74 | 11 | 95 | 204 |
| **Total** | **720** | **349** | **358** | **103** | **1530** |

(2)(a) The year on which the application was made as depicted in Table 2 below.

 Table 2: Year of application of water use licences in the Department

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Provincial Operation** | **2010** | **2011** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** | **Total** |
| Eastern Cape | 0 | 11 | 8 | 26 | 30 | 17 | 92 |
| Free State | 0 | 16 | 16 | 22 | 41 | 0 | 95 |
| Gauteng | 3 | 12 | 23 | 15 | 43 | 1 | 97 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 0 | 16 | 9 | 9 | 15 | 0 | 49 |
| Limpopo | 1 | 16 | 42 | 67 | 75 | 0 | 201 |
| Mpumalanga | 0 | 74 | 102 | 47 | 77 | 28 | 328 |
| Northern Cape | 0 | 2 | 13 | 23 | 28 | 9 | 75 |
| North West | 20 | 38 | 45 | 49 | 43 | 6 | 201 |
| Western Cape | 8 | 4 | 25 | 49 | 80 | 22 | 188 |
| Head Office | 96 | 67 | 27 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 204 |
| **Total** | **128** | **256** | **310** | **320** | **433** | **83** | **1530** |

(2)(b) Reasons for delays in water use licence applications are:

* Outstanding information from applicants, mainly in a form of technical on site studies.
* Complexity of applications and volumes of supporting documents.
* Internal specialist inputs are intensive and hence the turnaround time is protracted.

(2)(c) The expected dates of completion of the water use licence application.

 Table 3: Expected dates of completion of the water use licence applications per category

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Category** | **Number of WULAs** | **Expected date of completion** |
| Initial Assessment | 720 | 30-Mar-16 |
| Outstanding Information | 349 | 30-Dec-15 |
| Finalizing Assessment | 358 | 31-Oct-15 |
| Await decision | 103 | 30-Sep-15 |
| **Total** | **1530** |  |

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