# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WRITTEN REPLY

**QUESTION NO 2463**

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**2463. Mr T M Langa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

By what date is it envisaged that the issues of (a) scarce water and (b) sewerage leaks, which have been ongoing for several years in Ward 25 informal settlements, including (i) Punters, (ii) Kennedy Road, (iii) Foreman Road and (iv) Burnwood in eThekwini, will be resolved?

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# MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

1. The Ethekwini Municipality has put a plan to attend to the matter and I can confirm that there has been provision of water and sanitation services to the informal settlements in Ward 25 including the areas of Punter, Kennedy Road, Foreman Road and Burnwood. These informal settlement areas are supplied with water standpipes within 200 meters of households, and containerized ablution facilities that are fitted with water for drinking and washing, toilets and showers. This level of service is in accordance with the water and sanitation policy of the Ethekwini Metro and it is also in line with DWS standards on decent sanitation as well as clean water, while sorting an alternative place to settle the informal settlement community.
2. The areas are provided with containerized ablution facilities which are connected to the city’s sewerage system. Sewerage leaks and overflows from this system are attended to within the operating standard of 48 hours where possible. The response

times are not always adhered to due to a backlog in the number of blockages and a fluctuating demand.