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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr P G Moteka (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What are the reasons that (a) the Jane Furse Memorial Hospital has been relying on water delivered by trucks from tenderpreneurs for many years despite having boreholes and the De Hoop Dam nearby, (b) water pipes have not been connected to the bore holes and/or from the De Hoop Dam and (c) his department chooses to spend millions monthly on a service provider who delivers water to the hospital instead of saving those resources for other service delivery issues?

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**REPLY:**

1. Jane Furse Memorial Hospital started to experience water shortages following the illegal connections on the main line from De Hoop Dam by the surrounding communities. The Provincial Department of Health through Water Affair Department end up contracting a service provider drilled a borehole on site. Due to challenge with water table level around Jane Furse Hospital, the borehole ran dry. The Sekhukhune District Municipality left with no choice but to fill up the hospital water storage tanks through water delivered by the contracted service provider.
2. Jane Furse Memorial Hospital had been connected to De Hoop Dam from its existence and the borehole is also connected.
3. Jane Furse Memorial Hospital is not involved in any forms of contract but Sekhukhune District Municipality. The Hospital is responsible of paying monthly bills as per the meter reading to Sekhukhune District Municipality.

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