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**2640. Ms D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

(1) With regard to the raising of the Tzaneen Dam wall as part of the Greater Letaba River Water Development Project approved in September 2011, what is the amendment that was made during the review in November 2015 before announcing the final approval;(2) did construction start in August 2016; if not, why not; if so, on what exact date;

(3) (a) what was the initial budget that was approved for the project in 2011 and 2016, (b) what is the total amount spent on the project to date, (c) by what date will the project be finalised, (d) what will be the final cost of the project, (e) what will be the storage capacity of the dam when it is completed, (f) what is the total number of jobs that will be created through the project, (g) who will benefit from the project and (h) on what date did his department do the latest dam safety inspection on the Tzaneen Dam? NW2928E

**THE MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION**

(1) The Record of Implementation Decision final issue was in May 2013 and there have been no amendments to this document.

(2) A decision was taken, in alignment with funding, to break the project into three (3) implementation phases: stockpiling, demolishing of spillway and main dam raising. A conditional licence to alter for the proposed raising of Tzaneen Dam was issued in August 2016 to allow for the storage of construction materials, development of quarries/borrow pits and demolition of 4 m of concrete from the top of the existing ogee crest. The stockpiling and demolishing has since been completed. An application for a licence to enlarge the dam has not been received by the Dam Safety Office which will be accompanied by a detailed design report with drawings and specifications.

(3)(a) In 2011: At planning stages the budget was estimated to be R88 million. In 2016: On completion of the design and in alignment with funding, the project was broken into three (3) phases; stockpiling, demolishing of spillway and main raising. The revised estimated cost on completion is R600 million.

(3)(b) The total amount spend was R88 531 738.00 (This included the costs for Professional Services, the stockpiling contract and the demolition of the spillway).

(3(c) The project is estimated to be completed in March 2020.

(3)(d) The total estimated project cost on completion is estimated at R600 million.

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(3)(e) The storage capacity of the dam when it is completed will be 193millionm3.

(3)(f) The total number of jobs that will be created is estimated at 600.

(3)(g) Mopani District Municipality, Greater Tzaneen and Greater Letaba Municipalities will benefit from the project.

(3)(h) The last Dam Safety Evaluation of Tzaneen Dam by an Approved Professional Person (APP) was carried out in September 2011.