

PARLIAMENTARY PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

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Water Services

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Strategic objectives

- **Ensure** basic water supply and sanitation (1)
- Ensure effective delivery of WS (2)
- Ensure effective WS institutions through(3)
- Effective transfers of DWAF WS schemes to appropriate institutions (4)
 - Effective operation & management
- Support WS in Africa (5)
 - Achieve Africa MDG & WSSD targets

The Context of the Government's Programme of Action- 2004/05 to 2007/08

- Dynamic changes in political leadership at National and Provincial level
- Local Government preparation for elections- concerns about new changes
- Municipal Infrastructure Grant introduced- DWAF grappling with its "new role"
- Capacity at local government level of serious concern
- Level of backlogs in both water and sanitation still high, with sanitation lagging behind
- High expectations from communities

Basic Water and Sanitation Supply

Water

- There has been an overall of 59% to 93% improvement in water supply infrastructure since 1994, 83% has access to basic services at RDP level in 06/07

Sanitation

- 800 000 people received basic sanitation leaving the backlog at 15,3million people still without access to basic sanitation facilities
- Since 1994 access to sanitation in the sector improved from 49% to 69%

Bucket Eradication Programme

35 108 buckets were replaced,

Free basic water

- In 2006/07 80% of population with infrastructure had access to free basic water, an improvement of 5% from the 2004/05 financial year.
- The free basic sanitation programme had not started yet, and a policy is being developed in this regard.

PERFORMANCE SINCE 2004

Note: 2007/08 value only cover 3 quarters ending 31 Dec 2007

Provision of Basic Services

| Service | Backlog in 2004/05 | Achieved | | | | Total Served since 2004 |
|--------------------|--|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| | | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | |
| Water | 10,6 m people • 3,7 no access at all • 5,4 below RDP level | 1,51 m people | 1 m people | 1,25 m people | 1,27 m people | 5 m people |
| Sanitation | 17,3 m people | 1,3 m people | 700 000 people | 940 000 people | 631 000 people | 3, 57 m people |
| Bucket Eradication | 255 546 units | | 62 206 units | 71 747 units | 53 886 units | 187 839 units |
| Free Basic Water | 16,9 m people | 1,4 m people | 4 m people | 492 000 people | 2,3 m people | 8,2 m people |

PERFORMANCE SINCE 2004 (cont....)

Local Government Support

- Development of Water Services Development Plans
- Deployment of Experts & Officials (engineer and other technical)
- Free Basic Water Strategy and Technical Guidelines
- Capacity Building and Training to municipalities provided through Project Consolidate
- Involved in the Integrated Strategic Rural Development Programme and Urban Renewal Programme
- Benchmarking for WSAs Performance was initiated
- Councilor induction implemented

PERFORMANCE SINCE 2004 (cont....)

□ Water Sector Support

- Mentorship agreements were concluded with Water Boards
- Sector Support Strategy completed

□ Drinking Water Quality Management

- Rolled out the Drinking Water Quality Management System for WSAs
- Currently. About 93% of municipalities which report are complying with standards
- Significantly improved extent of compliance with national standards

PERFORMANCE SINCE 2004 (cont....)

□ Public Education and Awareness Programme

- Collaboration Agreements signed with Provincial Education Departments
- Schools based Public Education and Awareness successfully implemented
- Commenced with the implementation of Health and Hygiene interventions

□ Transfers

- Framework for transfers agreed,
- 59 Agreements concluded

Introduction

□ Key context for the Strategic plan and Business plan

- Outcomes of the ANC's Policy Statements
- January 2008 Cabinet Lekgotla
- State of the Nation Address
- Service Delivery needs at local government level

□ Implications for Water Services

The need to effectively address poverty- focus on rural development.

- The need to improve effectiveness of all organs of state- performance management, service delivery etc
- "Business unusual" A sense of renewed sense of urgency and innovation towards service delivery
- An integrated approach to wards provision of basic services- electricity, sanitation, water and housing.

PRIORITIES FOR 2008/09- "Towards Water Security"

□ Access to Water and Sanitation

□ Development of an integrated Strategy to Basic Services Provisioning

- Schools Programme
- Regional Bulk Infrastructure
- Reap "low hanging fruits" in terms of meeting 2008 and 2010 water and sanitation targets respectively

□ Water for Growth and Development

- Strategy seeks to address water security in terms of both quality and quantity to be completed
- Aimed at contributing to national economic growth target

PRIORITIES FOR 2008/09

Local Government Support

Move towards support that enhances Regulation

- Develop Integrated departmental programme aligned to 5-Year Local Government Strategic Agenda
- Address sustainability issues that threaten water security
- Ensure compliance with Drinking Water Quality Standards
- Financial viability of WSAs

PRIORITIES FOR 2008/09

Job Creation, Poverty Alleviation and Youth Development

- Improved reporting
- Integrate job creation effectively in all service delivery programmes, Working-for-Water, Water and sanitation delivery
- Water Resources alignment with WS, e.g. Water Allocation Reform, Resource Poor Farmers

Support to Water Management Institutions

- Improve the contribution of water institutions to government goals and objectives, e.g. Provincial Growth and Development Strategies

Global Cooperation

- Develop a water sector response strategy for NEPAD

PRIORITIES FOR 2008/09

- Water Conservation and Demand Management**
 - 11 priority municipalities to extend the programme nationally
 - Public Education and Awareness
- Transfers- review progress to date and change approach if need be**
- The need to reassess the transfer programme in an attempt to ensure water security**
 - Refurbishment of schemes to be transferred
 - Ensure that transferred schemes are Maintained and Operated efficiently

KEY CHALLENGES

- Resource Limitations to coordinate, plan, execute relevant functions at a local level**
 - Human
 - Technical
- Lack of credible baseline information for planning at all levels**
 - Hampers monitoring and evaluation
- Sustainability of existing infrastructure - Operations and Maintenance**
- Non-alignment in inter-departmental planning**

WATER SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS for 2007/08

- Completion of Provincial Water Sector Plans that will support to PGD'S
- Finalization of Masibambane III to focus on Water for Growth and Development 2007/08 – 2011/12. EU-SA Country Strategy for 2007-2013 agreed to by all stakeholders
- Water for Growth and Development strategy being developed to be submitted to Cabinet
- 85% of buckets eradicated and 100% Free State being the only province left
- Meeting the 2007 clinics backlog
- Improvement in rate of delivery and qualitative indicators of service delivery
- Support to LG Vuna Awards