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Hon. Lulu Johnson  
Chairperson : Portfolio Committee on Water and Sanitation  
Parliament of South Africa  
Cape Town  
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**RE: FINANCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION AND  
MEDIA ALLEGATIONS**

Dear Hon. Johnson

I, hereby request that the Portfolio Committee institute further investigation into the financial situations and allegations against DWS, Water Trading Entity and TCTA.

The investigation should be made on allegations in the media and include the following:

- 1 Financial status of Department of Water and Sanitation.
- 2 Outstanding overdrafts by the Water Trading Entity (WTE).
- 3 Director General to appear before the Committee.
- 4 Chief Financial Officer of DWS to appear before the Committee.
- 5 Officials of WTE and TCTA to appear before Committee.
- 6 National Treasury to come and make an presentation on the financial situation of DWS.
- 7 Auditor General and SIU also be requested to assist in this investigation.
- 8 How the downgrading will affect the funding and cost of the Lesotho Highlands Projects.

In a written reply to my question 281 -24 February 2017 it was indicated that WTE's current bank balance on 22 February 2017 was in debt with R2,989 billion with the Reserve Bank.

I further request that the Portfolio Committee, consider requesting Parliament to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee probing the affairs of the Department of Water and Sanitation.

This ongoing allegations needs to be tested as information in the media is similar as replies to written questions.

Chairperson, you are requested to call a meeting with the members of the Portfolio Committee to discuss the mentioned issues as raised in this letter and also allegations in the media.

I await your urgent response.

Regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'LB', enclosed within a circular scribble.

**Leon Basson MP**  
**Member of Portfolio Committee**  
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