

Questions for written reply 14th April 2020

Question 1

Mr R Odendaal to ask the MEC responsible for Corporate Governance and Traditional Affairs

The extended drought in Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality (NMMBM) has reference.

1. Has the declaration of a local state of disaster in terms of section 55 (1) of the Disaster Management Act No 57 of 2002 as was signed by former Executive Mayor Cllr Mongameli Bobani on the 21st November 2019 and which appeared in the Provincial Gazette on 30 December 2019 been extended or in the alternative, has a new state of disaster in regard to the extended drought been issued; If so, (a) when; (b) why has the notice of extension of the state of disaster or new notice of state of disaster not been gazetted; (c) what legal consequences does the failure to timeously gazette an extension of a state of disaster or new state of disaster have on the municipality;
2. If not, has CoGTA liaised at all with the municipality on their failure herein;
3. As at 31 March 2020, what was the total percentage spent on drought aid and/or drought disaster funding by the municipality for the 2019/20 financial year;
4. What delays did the municipality have in proceeding with projects funded by the drought aid and/or disaster funding;

5. What has been the daily water consumption of the municipality as at (i) 30 September 2019 (ii) 31 December 2019 and (iii) 31 March 2020;
6. What is the total daily water allocation that the municipality is receiving through the Nooitgedacht Scheme;
7. Considering the fact that the combined dam levels for the municipality as at Monday 6 April 2020 were at 23,77%, how many months of water supply do the dams still have for the metro;
8. Does the municipality have a plan in place for the eventuality that it may longer be capable of withdrawing water from supply dams for supply to the Metro; If so, (a) can I be furnished with this plan; (b) has COGTA had insight and/or input into this plan and (c) is CoGTA satisfied with this plan;
9. If not, (a) why not and If not and (b) how does CoGTA plan on intervening in this regard?