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219. Mr J H P Britz (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

(a) What are the reasons for the residents of Misgund in the Koukamma Local Municipality in the Eastern Cape being without constant and/or permanent water access, (b) what remedial actions have been taken to ensure that such residents have access to water daily, (c) what proactive plans are in place to ensure sustainable water provision in the (i) medium- and (ii) long-term to each household and (d) how will his department monitor water provision to such residents in the future?

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- a) The town of Misgund in the Koukamma Local Municipality currently relies on groundwater supply. Water supply interruptions occurred recently due to operational challenges including clogged pumps that resulted in reduced supply from those boreholes.

In addition, some boreholes that were recently refurbished and commissioned were vandalised and the electrical cables thereof were stolen. The abovementioned incidents resulted in the recent water outages in the area.

- b) The blockages in the boreholes were cleared in July 2024, and those that were vandalised have been repaired by the municipality during August 2024.
- c) The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is implementing the Misgund Bulk Water Supply Project to ensure sustainable water provision for the area. Progress made with this project is at 99% and it will soon be commissioned. The Water Treatment Works will treat surface and ground water and provide 400kl/day to augment the water supply to the residents of Koukamma LM. The yield is calculated to be sufficient for current requirements.

Furthermore, the DWS has taken proactive plans as follows:

- Conducted the “All Town Studies” in order determine the current and future water supply for all towns which includes medium- and long-term requirements.
- Embarked on a process of appointing Service Providers to assist the Water Services Authorities (WSA) to develop 5-year water service reliability plans for all the towns in the Sarah Baartman District Municipality. This will inform the development a Master plan for each WSA.

d) The Koukamma LM is part of the Algoa System Users Water Forum where monthly monitoring meetings are convened to ensure sustainable management of the resource. This is over and above the bilateral meetings with the DWS where all water and sanitation challenges are discussed. In addition, the municipality submits monthly water quality reports through the Integrated Regulation Information System.

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
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