

288. Hon. A Cloete (VF+) asks the Hon. MEC responsible for COGTA&HS: Mr. T Mokoena.

Regarding water losses by Free State municipalities since 2016,

1. What amounts were lost per year by each municipality during the mentioned period,
2. What percentage (bought vs AFS reported losses) was lost by each municipality during mentioned period,
3. Whether the department has engaged municipalities to implement measures to address water losses in municipalities, if so, what are the relevant details?

NO RESPONSE

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Question 288 (1.) What amounts were lost per year by each municipality during the mentioned period							
Municipalities	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Letsemeng	R -	R -	R 2 025 001	R 4 296 573	R 3 158 304	R 844 187	R 1 802 843
Kopanong	R 13 512 953	R 13 843 212	R 20 576 969	R 25 378 816	R 18 996 035	R 6 175 598	R 6 358 066
Mohokare	R 3 268 847	R 2 509 119	R 2 524 811	R 3 586 547	R 3 308 212	R 1 172 413	R 909 158
Masilonyana	R 2 257 285						
Tokologo	R 10 046 091		R 21 319 020	R 4 436 952			R 4 921 297
Tswelopele	R 273 510	R 423 304	R 475 626	R 556 176	R 1 133 719	R 1 046 893	R 934 147
Matjhabeng	R 299 865 808	R 155 272 799	R 462 844 267	R 497 835 691	R 363 540 187	R 323 991 257	R 239 831 884
Nala	R 17 635 232	R 16 084 525	R 18 124 682	R 23 203 525	R 25 830 205	R 36 937 139	R 28 189 294
Setsotho	R 3 747 572	R 7 044 679	R 15 342 187	R 15 425 713	R 12 098 388	R 12 717 711	R 13 982 330
Dihlabeng	R 12 451 269	R 6 542 104	R 10 389 244	R 32 020 651	R 60 294 487	R 37 245 896	R 34 793 719
Nketoana	R 7 186 783	R 8 553 933		R 7 461 979	R 1 060 369	R 1 039 273	R 727 284
Maluti A Phofung	R 11 969 561	R 12 687 735	R 17 731 378				
Phumelela	R 4 550 768	R 7 850 083	R 7 017 466	R 9 712 850	R 6 730 725	R 6 851 136	R 6 670 895
Mantsopa	R 1 724 285	R 1 910 291	R 1 573 394	R 2 164 634	R 2 717 637	R 3 376 602	R 1 015 989
Moghaka	R 7 459 044	R 19 717 718	R 18 447 816	R 16 997 561	R 21 673 734	R 42 387 110	R 66 389 940
Ngwathe	R 18 573 226	R 16 611 133			R 1 219 770	R 1 395 689	R 355 313
Metsimaholo	R 4 836 143	R 16 307 842	R 28 093 100	R 48 664 117	R 65 888 545	R 15 750 944	R 68 107 070
Mafube	R 11 244 204	R 36 779 702	R 18 356 703	R 25 076 608	R 44 382 566	R 45 024 671	
Total	R 430 602 581	R 322 138 179	R 644 841 664	R 716 818 393	R 632 032 883	R 535 956 519	R 474 989 229
	Amount not disclosed						
	2022/2023 Audit not finalised						

Question 288 (2.) What percentage (bought vs AFS reported losses) was lost by each municipality during mentioned period.							
Municipalities	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Letsemeng			48%	82%	78%	62%	73%
Kopanong	46%	50%	57%	63%	54%	24%	27%
Mohokare			18%	22%	20%	6%	5%
Masilonyana	91%						
Tokologo			68%	68%			83%
Tswelopele	13%	14%	14%	12%	20%	19%	15%
Matjhabeng	51%	55.4%	77%	76%	56%	55%	45%
Nala	39%	37%	38%	44%	45%	55%	45%
Setsotho	11%	26%	42%	42%	29%	40%	43%
Dihlabeng	38%	32%	24%	40%	52%	57%	50%
Nketoana	27%	27%	27%	25%	28%	28%	21%
Maluti A Phofung	59%	60%	66%				
Phumelela	69%	92%	38%	63.02%	79%	83%	77%
Mantsopa	42%	47%	37%	54%		57%	37%
Moghaka	13%	30%	32%	35%	46%	71%	21%
Ngwathe	54%	44%	0%	37%	48%	48%	7%
Metsimaholo	27%	16%	16%	27%	37%	9%	37%
Mafube	56%	91%	67%	81%	96%	91%	
	% Not disclosed						
	2022/2023 Audit not finalised						

Yes. Municipalities were engaged and still being engaged on a quarterly basis via Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) Coordination forum where all MIG Implementation plans are interrogated when they (Municipality) report and plan for MTEF period. This is a condition set within MIG Division of Revenue Act (DoRA) framework where it says: extent of non-revenue water as reported in the audited municipal annual financial statements (AFS). Where non-revenue water is more than 30 per cent and not decreasing from year-to-year, the Municipality shall be determined to be failing to manage its water supply.

COGTA through MIG monitors compliance to the framework in ensuring that Projects that seeks to reduce water losses from bulk water supply, reticulation system and until the user are implemented to curb any wastage. Reporting of all these initiatives happens on a quarterly basis and it is continuous.

Through the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) there are various initiatives by Water Sector Support and Communication Divisions within Regional Offices of DWS where awareness campaigns are undertaken as part of contributions towards reduction of water losses within households and targeting schools, communities for behavioral change on how water must be utilized. However, where scope of service requires capital budget, DWS funds through Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) to address any deficiencies within water services systems i.e. refurbishment of Water Treatment Works, Installation of Zonal and household meters etc.