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Al Jama- ah found an investor with the R15 billion to build High Wall for Water Project

The Al Jama- ah party has found an investor ready to provide funding of R15 billion to the South African government, which will be available this month to build a 100- meter- high wall for the Umzimvubu Catchment Water Project in Maclear, Joe Mqabi District Municipality in the Eastern Cape.

Delivering his Member Statement which coincides with Al Jama- ah's 15th Anniversary to the National Assembly in Parliament this afternoon, the party's Member of Parliament, Hon Ganief Hendricks reminds government that the building of the wall was mentioned in President Cyril Ramaphosa's SoNA 2022 address which will provide water to one million residents living in the former Transkei. Apart from serving on other Portfolio Committees, Hendricks also serves on the committee for Water and Sanitation.

"Transkei is an area where our first struggle icons came from to overthrow the apartheid government, yet the last to get water, 28 years after liberation! Al Jama- ah and its Constituency support the water project and we need the help of Parliament through the Office of the Speaker to safeguard the process when submitting the R15 billion offer to the Minister of Water and Sanitation the Hon Menzo Mnchu," says Hendricks.

Hendricks also calls on Parliament to be on high alert and exercise oversight over the funding to prevent it being scuttled by the long line of 'spoilors' in the engineering sector, government officials, community members, traditional leaders and even SMMEs who might take advantage of the work opportunity by inflating their costs.

Hendricks says the relevant officials in the Water Affairs department are more concerned over other matters than preventing one million residents from dying a slow death because of thirst and drought.

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