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(For written reply)

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### Mr N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

- (1) With reference to the contaminated land provisions in the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008), which came into operation on 02 May 2014, (a) what steps have been taken by her Department to enforce the contaminated land provisions, (b) how many sites are listed on the national contaminated land register, and (c) how many contamination investigations have been completed; and
- (2) Whether any site assessment reports have been completed; if not, why not; if so, how long did it take to complete each one of those reports?

### 2289. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

- (1) (a) Steps taken to enforce the contaminated land provisions includes identification of investigation areas in terms of section 36(6) of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008).
  - (b) 326.
  - (C) 418.
- (2) Yes, site assessment reports have been completed; 418 of them, and it took between 06 to 12 months to complete the site assessment reports. It is very important to note that completion of a site assessment report largely depends on the type of contaminants and its behaviour on the environment.

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