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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (For oral reply)

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Mr M N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

What total number of the unsuccessful Fishing Rights Allocation Process applicants instituted legal proceedings against her and/or her department to overturn the outcome of the process?

1424. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

To date, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) has received one application for judicial review from an unsuccessful applicant for a fishing right in the Fishing Rights Allocation Process 2021 in the South Coast Rock Lobster sector, seeking to set aside Minister's appeal decision, as follows:

On 14 April 2023, Dyer Eiland Visserye (Pty) Ltd (Dyer Eiland) instituted a review application out of the Western Cape High Court to set aside the decision that was taken by the Minister on 15 December 2022 to grant an additional right in the South Coast Rock Lobster sector to the highest-scoring Category C applicant, in other words, Thalassa Investments. The Minister records that she decided to

grant the additional right to the highest-scoring Category C applicant as a new entrant into the fishing sector, as Category B applicants enjoy rights in other sectors. Dyer Eiland is a Category B applicant.

MS B D CREECY, MP

MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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