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Mr D W Bryant (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

When last did she conduct an inspection on the Vaalputs Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility, in Springbok in the Northern Cape, to assess if the road between Koeberg and Pelindaba, which is used to transport radioactive waste, is roadworthy so as to avoid possible nuclear spill?

1575. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment has never carried out an inspection at the Vaalputs Radioactive Waste Disposal (VRWD) facility. The VRWD facility is used for the disposal of radioactive waste and the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) is not applicable to such waste. Radioactive waste is regulated by the National Nuclear Regulator, which is the relevant authority to conduct such inspections. Accordingly, the Honourable Member is advised to pose his question to Minister Mantashe and the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy.

MS B D CREECY, MP
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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