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MINISTER

QUESTION NO. 1391 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A draft reply to Ms D van der Walt (DA) to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

MS NOSIPHO NGCABA
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
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DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(For written reply)

QUESTION NO. 1391 {NW1539E}

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Ms D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

Whether (a) her department and (b) all entities reporting to her are running development programmes for (i) small businesses and (ii) co-operatives; if not, why not; if so, in each case, (aa) what are the relevant details, (bb) what amount has been budgeted and (cc) how many jobs will be created through the specified development programmes in the 2016-17 financial year? NW1539E

1391. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

- (a) Yes
- (b) Yes, however, the participation of small business enterprises and cooperatives is advanced through public employment programmes.

(i) & (ii) The Department of Environmental Affairs provides opportunities through different programmes and entities, and is specifically responsible for the EPWP with it's 14 different programmes through which it has provided opportunities for people through SMMEs and cooperatives.

The Programmes are listed as follow:

- Working for Water
- Working for Wetlands
- Working for Ecosystems
- Working for Forests
- Working for Energy (Biomass)
- Eco-Furniture Programme
- Working on Fire

- Working on Waste
- Working for the Coast
- Working for Land
- Greening & Open Space Management
- People & Parks
- Wildlife Economy
- Youth Environmental Service

All fourteen of the EP programmes are designed to secure outcomes that have high returns on investment, over and above the Full-Time Equivalent jobs and Work Opportunities. The contractors and participants are all trained, skilled and empowered to do this work.

South African National Parks (SANParks) is in part, part of the EPWP implementation, and implements a development programme for small contractors or businesses. It also supports additional small businesses as part of the Infrastructure Programme.

Further opportunities are being sought through the Chemical and Waste Branch on the Recycling Enterprise Support Programme (RESP).

(aa) Programmes target to support 2,369 SMMEs for 2016/17.

SANParks implements EPWP projects in all national parks, buffer zone areas and some provincial nature reserves. For the 2016/17, the projects will support 501 small contractors, including training and contractor development. As part of the Infrastructure Programme in Kruger National Park, 14 small construction contractors are mentored for civil, building and electrical works.

(bb) The department has budgeted an estimated amount of R 1.2 billion for the 2016/17 financial year which will be procured using SMMEs.

The amount budgeted for the small contractors in the EPWP programme under SANParks is R166 million. An estimated amount of R58.8 million was budgeted for the small construction contractors in Kruger National Park.

Through the Waste Management Bureau, an approximate amount of 11 million is set aside for the Recycling Enterprise Support Programme (RESP) initiative.

For iSimangaliso, the amount that has been budgeted for this year is R1.2m.

- (cc) Through the 14 different programmes, a minimum of 1519 SMMEs, 46524 Work Opportunities and 23 467 Full Time Equivalents will be created in 2016/17, a further 140 temporary jobs will be created and supported in the Kruger construction programme.

It is also envisaged that a 150 jobs will be created through the Recycling Enterprise Support Programme.

For iSimangaliso, it is anticipated that the development programmes run by iSimangaliso will create approximately 2000 jobs in this financial year

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