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## **MINISTER**

## QUESTION NO. 170 FOR ORAL REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A draft reply to Ms J Edwards (DA) to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

MS NOSIPHO NGCABA DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE:

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DATE:

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(For oral reply)

QUESTION NO. 170 (NO1987E)
INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 24 of 2016

DATE OF PUBLICATION: 30 August 2016

Ms J Edwards (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

By what date will the Dangerous Goods Standards and Regulations, as referred to in the Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998, be gazetted and (b) what are the reasons for the delay in gazetting the specified regulations? NO1987E

## 170. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

(a)

The Draft Dangerous Goods Standard has been published for comments on 5 August 2016, as Notice No. 891 and 892 in Government Gazette No. 40188. No regulations will accompany the Standard as it will be regarded as a legal instrument in its own right.

(b)

The reason for the delay in publishing the Draft Dangerous Goods Standard was that we prioritised the various regulations required to give effect to the One Environmental System which was agreed upon between the Ministers of Water and Sanitation, Mineral Resources and Environmental Affairs to streamline the environmental aspects related to mining.

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