



## **environmental affairs**

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Environmental Affairs  
**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 190 FOR ORAL REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to **Mr M P Mapulane (ANC)** 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. 190 {NO2007E}**

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**Mr M P Mapulane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

Whether, with reference to her department's engagement with stakeholders in respect of the Draft Climate Change Bill at an Extended Intergovernmental Committee Climate Change Workshop, the specified discussion document was developed in response to the Paris Agreement; if not, will she consider amending existing legislation and regulations in order to be consistent with the procedural requirements of the Paris Agreement amongst other legislation; if so, (a) has the analysis of South Africa's climate change legal regime been undertaken and (b) has the development of climate change legislation been determined as the best approach?

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## 190. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

The National Climate Change Response Policy sets the objectives of: (i) effectively managing climate change impacts through interventions that build and sustain South Africa's social, economic and environmental resilience; and (ii) making a fair contribution to the global effort to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that avoids dangerous interference with the climate system. The Policy further sets out key interventions that are needed to achieve these objectives.

As part of the policy implementation process, the Department of Environmental Affairs has initiated a process of research and discussion on legal options and a legal framework that would best support implementation of the policy. This work includes an analysis of existing legislation and legal options. The Paris Agreement, and the requirements of the Paris Agreement are central to this analysis.

The legal framework would support South Africa's greenhouse gas emission reduction system, and enable adaptation planning, risk reduction and authorization in the short, medium and long term.

This work is being done to achieve an outcome that is:

- ***Balanced and cost effective*** – Implementing a balanced approach to both climate change mitigation and adaptation responses in terms of cost-benefit, prioritisation, focus, action and resource allocation; and
- ***Integrated and aligned*** – Providing for the integration of sector-related climate change responses into the relevant sector planning processes and their developmental policies and measures.

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