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MINISTER

QUESTION NO. 1972 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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

MS NOSIPHO NGCABA DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE:

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

DR B E E MOLEWA, MP MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DATE:

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(For written reply)

QUESTION NO. 1972 {NW2131E} INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 20 of 2018

DATE OF PUBLICATION: 08 June 2018

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

On what date (a) was a certain report (details furnished) given to her, and (b) will the report be made public?

1972. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

- a) The report was received on 09 April 2018.
- b) The report will be released as soon as the process of developing a policy response to key policy messages as contained in the report has been finalised. Such requires consultation with affected sector departments, provincial conservation authorities and relevant stakeholders. However, there is a special publication on the African Biodiversity and Conservation Journal (open access) titled "Contributions to the National Status Report on Biological Invasions in South Africa" consisting of various scientific papers that informed the development of the status report.

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