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QUESTION NO. 265 FOR ORAL REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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

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(For Oral reply)

QUESTION NO. 265 {NO4168E}

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

Whether her department performed any annual reviews of the Recycling and Economic Development Initiative of South Africa in the past three financial years; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO4168E

265. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

The Department did conduct periodic reviews of the Recycling and Economic Development Initiative of South Africa (REDISA). The relevant details included amongst others the following:

- Assessed REDISA periodically (at some point monthly) to check progress on the implementation of their plan. This review included the assessment of REDISA's monitoring reports, meetings, correspondence on poor performance and/or unapproved deviations
- Conducted site visits to various depots and other waste tyre processing facilities to ensure compliance with tyre regulations and
- Corresponded to REDISA verbally and in writing in an effort to rectify the poor performance and the unapproved deviations incl. initiating administrative enforcement on some of their facilities. Throughout this period REDISA has not satisfactorily responded to instructions to rectify poor performance and to address the unauthorised deviation from the plan until we undertook a comprehensive review of its performance.

Furthermore, the Department undertook a mid-term review that was initiated in 2015/16. Annual independent performance audits were supposed to be conducted by REDISA for submission to the Department as per their approved plan. However, REDISA has never conducted and/or submitted such reports. The Department took actions that consequently led to the withdrawal of their plan. The Department therefore proceeded with legal action which resulted in the withdrawal of the plan.

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