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QUESTION NO. 310 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A draft reply to Mr T Z Hadebe (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 written reply)

QUESTION NO. 310 {NW329E}

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Mr T Z Hadebe (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

(1) Will she institute disciplinary action against the Board Members of the South African Weather Service (SAWS) found to have been involved in a certain tender (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

(2) whether she will be investigating a case of alleged fraud surrounding a radar project that the suspended Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the SAWS brought to the SAWS' Chief Executive Officer (CEO) prior to the CFO's suspension; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

310. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

1. A complaint was received by the Presidential Hotline on 20 November 2016 relating to Performance Management at the South African Weather Service (SAWS) specifically relating to the 2014/15 performance assessment period. The allegations included the following:
 - a) Unlawful powers of the Executive Committee to change moderated performance scores;
 - b) Unilateral correction of scores
 - c) Implementation of performance-based salary increases.

The allegations were referred to the Board of SAWS for further investigation on 28 January 2016.

OMA Chartered Accountants Incorporated (OMA) was appointed to conduct an investigation into allegations made by the complainant. No Board members were involved in the appointment of OMA. The recommendations in the OMA report have been implemented.

2. A senior manager of SAWS brought allegations to the Board, on the matter of the guarantee for the radars. A preliminary analysis has revealed no irregularity. Further investigation is underway.

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