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Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Whether her department has had any engagements with the Department of Water and Sanitation regarding the eco-code of rivers across the Republic due to the breakdown of the sewage infrastructure; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

3355. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

The National Water Act (NWA), 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) imposes a number of duties and obligations on the Minister of Water and Sanitation as well as the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) relating to the use, allocation and protection of, and access to water resources. Therefore, the primary regulator regarding the impacts of the breakdown of sewage infrastructure on rivers is the DWS. Please address your question to the Minister of Water and Sanitation.

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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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