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MINISTER

QUESTION NO. 353 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A draft reply to Ms P T van Damme (DA) to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

MS NOSIPHO NGCABA
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

DR B E E MOLEWA, MP
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(For written reply)

QUESTION NO. 353 {NW407E}

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Ms P T van Damme (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

What is the (a) make, (b) model, (c) price and (d) date on which each vehicle was purchased for use by (i) her and (ii) her deputy (aa) in the (aaa) 2014-15 and (bbb) 2015-16 financial years and (bb) since 01 April 2016?

353. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

Kindly note that the vehicles of the Minister and Deputy Minister were purchased in 2014 and therefore the response to this question is still the same as that we gave to question no 259 in July 2014 which reads as follows:

The New Executive was announced in May 2014 and is setting up departments according the proclamation by the President dated the 3 July 2014.

Government is committed to apply austerity measures as spelt out by Cabinet and each Ministry is expected to inherit existing infrastructure. However, should there be none the normal government procurement process will be followed. While Government seeks value for money, it will source purchases from the local market in line with a commitment to support local industry and producers of goods and services.

Official vehicles are the property of the state and are used on official duty for direct interaction with communities and stakeholders as part of the Public Participation programmes and Parliamentary programmes of Ministers. These enable Ministers to fulfil their duties which may call for their presence in different parts of the country.

When official vehicles are purchased for Ministerial use, procurement is done according to an existing framework and guidelines that stipulate that new purchases of vehicles may take place when the currently provided official vehicle for that office has reached 120 000 km or 5 years, whichever comes first.

Official vehicles may (sometimes) experience serious mechanical problems or could be in a poor condition. In such cases, the respective Department may approve the replacements of such a vehicle, subject to obtaining a detailed mechanical report by the vehicle manufacturer or approved dealer.

The total purchase price of the vehicle chosen by the Member may not exceed in respect of a prescribed percentage of the inclusive annual remuneration package of an Executive Member.

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