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Mr I M Sileku (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) Whether there are and/or has been any investigation into the Waste Bureau; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case; and
- (2) whether she will make the (a) report, (b) findings and (c) consequence management that is indicated in such findings available to the Select Committee concerned; if not, why not; if so, (i) when and (ii) what are the further relevant details?

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

(1) During the audit of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019, the Auditor-General of South Africa (the AG) identified nine (9) tenders issued by the Waste Bureau which were irregularly awarded and had resulted in irregular expenditure. The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment mandated a forensic investigation into these tenders. (2) The (a) investigation report, (b) findings and (c) consequence management will be made available to the Select Committee, (i)(ii) when the consequence management process has been implemented in order to ensure that the disciplinary processes, if any, are not compromised.

Regards

MS BD CREECY, MP MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT DATE: 2309,2020