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QUESTION NO. 869 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

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MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

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(For written reply)

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

With reference to her reply to question 527 on 27 March 2017, what (a) are the details of the steps taken by her department's Waste Management Bureau to fast track the reduction in the backlog in the disposal of tyres created by the withdrawal of the Integrated Industry Waste Tyre Management Plan of the Recycling and Economic Development Initiative of South Africa and (b) is the estimated amount of tyres in tons that forms part of this backlog?
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869. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

- (a) The collection and processing rates by REDISA were on a downward trend during the last few years, and the depots were full even before the plan was withdrawn, negatively affecting the service to waste tyre collection points. Upon taking over operations in October 2017, the Waste Bureau has taken the following steps to improve the waste tyre management operations within the network:
- The Waste Bureau ensured continuation of operations by contracting with existing Redisa participants who were already performing services within the waste tyre management network;
 - Equipment to preprocess waste tyres has been procured and this equipment will assist to manage stock levels at the various depots as well as assist in bringing down transportation costs. Furthermore new depot space has been procured.
 - The Waste Bureau is preparing to go out to the market in the first quarter of 2018/19 financial year in order to procure more re-use and processing capacity, as well as depot space capacity to further increase waste tyre diversion from landfills.
- (b) Currently the amount of waste tyres in depots is estimated to be about 19 523 tons, and this can be compared to 19 903 tons that was reported by Redisa as stock held in all the depots as of 18 August 2017. This clearly shows that the current depot stock levels are not worse off compared to the period prior to the plan being withdrawn.

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