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302. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) (a) What is the remaining total number of forestry packaged land that has been put up for lease in the Western Cape as part of bid inviting proposal to interested parties, (b) how many proposals (i) were received and (ii) are being evaluated and (c) what is the breakdown between the (i) private sector and (ii) communities regarding such proposals;
- (2) whether any existing human settlements and/or communities are involved in the forestry land that forms part of the bid inviting proposals in the Western Cape;
- (3) whether the remaining forestry land in the rest of South Africa will be managed in the same way as in the Western Cape; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

- (1) (a) (b) (c) The total number of business packages is five (5) with a total of 21 291 000 ha. At the closure of the bid, five (5) proposals were received and are being evaluated. The proposals are all from the private sector and one has formed a partnership with the community.

- (2) The terms of reference made it a requirement that successful bidders/investors form a partnership/shareholding with communities within the areas where the plantations are located.
- (3) The remaining forestry land in the country will be managed through a lease in line with section 27 or community forestry agreements in line with section 29 of the National Forests Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998).

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MS B D CREECY, MP
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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