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Mr M N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Whether (a) her department and/or (b) entities reporting to her concluded any commercial contracts with (i) the government of the Russian Federation and/or (ii) any other entity based in the Russian Federation since 1 April 2017; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, for each commercial contract, what are the (aa) relevant details, (bb) values, (cc) time frames, (dd) goods contracted and (ee) reasons that the goods could not be contracted in the Republic?

1577. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

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The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) has an International Relations Chief Directorate that only deals with government-to-government bilateral relations in line with South Africa's foreign policy managed by the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO). In terms of bilateral relations with the Russian Federation, a draft Memorandum of Understanding

(MOU) on Environmental Cooperation has been facilitated, which has not yet been signed. The DFFE confirms that no commercial contracts have been entered into with the Russian Federation or Russian entities.

Regards



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

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