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QUESTION NO. 192 FOR ORAL REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A draft reply to **Mr Z S Makhubele (ANC)** to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

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DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

**MR D A HANEKOM, MP
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS (ACTING)**

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(For oral reply)

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Mr Z S Makhubele (ANC) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

With reference to the Government committing to address the triple challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality, and the Department's role in dealing with the socio-economic challenges of our current conjuncture, what (a) programmes has the Department put in place to address the challenges of job creation and skills development, with special reference to the youth and women; and (b) are the details of what has been achieved through the programmes in this regard?

192. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

- a) The Department of Environmental Affairs creates work opportunities through the following programmes: Education, Development and Training, GroenSebenza, Youth Community Outreach and Human Resource Development, the Natural Resource Management Programmes, as well as Environmental Protection and Infrastructure Programmes which are implemented under the auspices of the Expanded Public Works Programme. The Department of Environmental Affairs is funding the implementation of projects that benefit the youth and women in all of the nine provinces.
- b) The Department has established various initiatives through which it contributes to job creation, with a specific focus on youth and women participation. The following provides details of the various initiatives:
- (i) ***The Youth Environmental Services (YES)*** is a National Youth Service programme. It aims to provide employment opportunities, broaden environmental knowledge and practical skills for young people, prepares them to enter the job market. Its emphasis is on community service, training and personal development, and placement into exit opportunities. It is implemented in all 9 provinces, and 135 young people are recruited and enrolled into this programme per province in each year. They are placed in different host

institutions such as municipalities, public entities, government institutions, private companies and non-government organisations (NGOs) for workplace experience. The project is implemented over a period of 2 years. A total of 1 170 participants have been recruited for the financial year 2018/2019.

- (ii) **Mass Training Programme (MTP)** is also implemented through the Environmental Protection and Infrastructure Programme. It seeks to address the challenge of unemployment amongst young people by providing them with accredited training and associated practice which will lead to accredited certification upon completion. With effect from March 2018, the programme has commenced with implementation of a total of 175 mass training projects, which have already recruited 10 044 young people. The training programme, currently under implementation, includes, but is not limited to, conservation and environment; construction (plumbing, tiling, bricklaying, painting), waste management, environmental education and awareness, landscaping, hospitality and driver's licences.
- (iii) **Mass Employment Programme (MEP) (Municipal Support)** recruits unemployed young people and aims to place them in municipalities and public entities to perform activities that involve minimal or no construction which include, but are not limited to, waste administration, data capturing, street cleaning, air quality monitoring, greening of schools, maintenance of recreational parks, and environmental education in communities. The programme has identified a total of 45 mass training projects in all nine provinces which will recruit approximately 6 470 young people.
- (iv) **Youth Community Outreach Programme.** This programme aims to provide employment opportunities for unemployed young people with qualifications who are at home. The programme has commenced with two projects that will see 5 067 young people placed in municipalities around the country. The Programme is currently in the interviewing phase. Two hundred and thirteen (213) of these young people will serve as Municipal Coordinators in communities by December 2018, while the remaining 4 854 will be placed as Ward Ambassadors by February 2019. The project is implemented over a period of 3 years.
- (v) **Groen Sebenza Programme.** The Groen Sebenza programme aims to create internships for 378 youth, under the Natural Resource Management Programme, to be exposed to the restoration and maintenance of our ecological infrastructure (renewable natural resources, natural land and water resources), as well as to develop management, scientific and administrative capacity to grow the sector. 33 young people will be absorbed under the BioSecurity programme to be placed nationally to do border post inspections. A further 9

will be placed at 3 ports of entry (including OR Tambo) to do inspections. Another 4 youth will be employed to assist with much-needed advocacy work within the Biosecurity programme, which will include providing support with administrative functions. These interns will be offered a three year internship, both on the job and formal training opportunities. Ninety percent (90%) of these opportunities are reserved for young black scientists, of which 70% will be female.

- (vi) **DEA Human Resource Development.** We offer internships and learnerships to 100 candidates (per year) with various qualifications, and since 2010 we have been awarding bursaries to 30 students (per annum) who are studying towards environmentally related qualifications.

Please find herewith the achievements as of 31 July 2018.

Women & Youth Participation in DEA Programmes			
Environmental Programmes			
PROGRAMME	TOTAL NO. OF JOBS	YOUTH NO. OF JOBS	WOMEN NO. OF JOBS
EPWP - Working for Fire - Working for the Coast - Working for Ecosystems - Working for Land - Working on Waste - Biodiversity Economy - People and Parks - Youth Community Outreach Programme - Working for Wetlands - Working for Water - Value Added industries	71 948 (Work opportunities created)	47 052 (65%) (Beneficiaries)	38 670 (54%) (Beneficiaries)
Youth Skills Development Programmes			
PROGRAMME	TOTAL BENFICIARIES	YOUTH	WOMEN
DEA Internship Programme (2017/18)	102	102	70
DEA Internship Programme (2018/19)	114	114	71
Environment Learnership Programme	100	100	60

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