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QUESTION NO. 291 FOR ORAL REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A draft reply to **Mr Z R Xalisa (EFF)** to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

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MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
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(For Oral reply)

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Mr Z R Xalisa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

- (1) With reference to her reply to question 1990 on 3 August 2017, wherein she stated that the 12 illegal dumping sites would be licensed in the current financial year, what are the requirements for the legalisation of a dumping site;
- (2) whether all 12 dumping sites have been licensed; if not, why not? NO4195E

291. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

1) Waste disposal facilities ('dumping sites' referred to in the questions) need to be licensed in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act 59 of 2008). The process to follow when applying for a Waste Management License is guided by the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998): Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (GN 982, as amended), which involves obtaining an environmental authorisation (EA), public consultation and other technical and operational requirements.

The mandate to establish landfill disposal sites for the disposal of general waste rests with the Municipalities. The municipalities apply to their respective provincial authorities for EIA's and waste licences. The competent authorities for approval of applications are the Members of the Executive Council responsible for the Entity in terms of Part B Schedule 5 of the Constitution (1996) of South Africa. Due to funding constraints at the Municipal level, my Department has been assisting Municipalities to carry out the EIA's in order to ensure that their facilities are licensed.

2) Since 2012, 341 unlicensed landfill sites have been successfully licensed. New surveys are conducted annually which result in new unlicensed landfill sites being identified. The 12 unlicensed waste disposal facilities were identified in the previous financial year (2016/17) through an annual survey process that was conducted by Provincial Departments for licensing.

To date, service providers have been appointed to conduct Environmental Impact Assessments for the 12 unlicensed landfill sites. However, due to lengthy timeframes associated with the EIA processes and some sites requiring specialist studies, the licensing for the 12 unlicensed landfill sites will only be completed in the next financial year (2018/19). The Department is tracking and monitoring this process carefully.

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