



## **environmental affairs**

Department:  
Environmental Affairs  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 3618 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to **Mrs A M Dreyer (DA)** to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

**MS NOSIPHO NGCABA  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**DATE:**

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

**MS N P MOKONYANE, MP  
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**DATE:**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**(For written reply)**

**QUESTION NO. 3618 {NW4189E}**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 42 of 2018**

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**Mrs A M Dreyer (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

Whether there are any plans in place to ban microbeads in the country; if not, why not; if so, by what date will the ban come into effect?

**3618. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:**

The microbeads in cosmetics and disinfectants have been highlighted as having a negative environmental impact. The regulatory control of both cosmetics and disinfectants is administered by the Department of Health under regulations in the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1954 (Act 54 of 1972). The Department of Environmental Affairs is in engagement with both the Department of Health and South African Health Products Regulatory Authority, including providing comments on the amendment of cosmetics regulations to consider the phase-out of microbeads in cosmetics.

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