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**Mr D Bryant (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

(a) What steps is she taking to ensure that the Fishing Rights Allocation Process (FRAP), which was delayed in 2020 and is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2021, is completed by the end of 2021 as scheduled, (b) on what date will the draft policies on the allocation and management of fishing rights be published and (c) what plans are in place to ensure that all sectors of the fishing industry will be afforded the opportunity to have input during the FRAP?

**548. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

- (a) A number of steps have been put in place to ensure the timeous delivery of the Fishing Rights Allocation Process (FRAP). These includes, but are not limited to:
1. increasing human capacity internally and externally and appointing dedicated personnel for the project;
  2. improved coordination between the Department's delivery units, and FRAP related issues are given high priority;
  3. regular monitoring and reporting; and
  4. Rather than waiting for external service providers to be appointed, the Department has already commenced with an internal review of all the policies as well as Phase 1 of the

Socio-Economic Impact Assessment for each fishery due for reallocation. The Service Provider will slot into and take over the process once appointed.

- (b) In terms of the Departmental Plan, publishing of the draft Fisheries Policies is expected to be undertaken by May 2021. During March and April, the Department will be consulting on the Socio-Economic Impact Assessment System (SEIAS).
- (c) In line with the Departmental Policy Development Framework, Research and Public Consultation have been identified as key milestones in the development of policies in the Department. Fisheries stakeholders will be consulted during Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Socio-Economic Impact Assessment System (SEIAS), as well as during the drafting of the Fisheries General Policy and the Sector Specific Fisheries Policies.

**Regards**



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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