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Mr C F B Smit (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) In which fishery sectors her Department has conducted Socio-Economic Impact Assessments;
- (2) whether such assessments have been completed; if not, when will they be completed; if so, (a) when and (b) what are the further relevant details; and
- (3) to what extend her Department has (a) consulted and/or (b) planned to consult with stakeholders on the review of sector specific policies, application forms and fees?

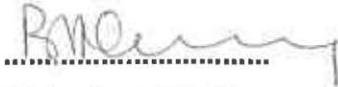
601. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- (1) The Department conducted Phase 1 (Initial Impact Assessment) of the Socio-Economic Impact Assessments on the General Policy on the Allocation and Management of Fishing Rights.
- (2) Phase 2 (Final Impact Assessment) is still to be conducted.
 - a. It is anticipated that the assessment will be completed by the 11th of December 2020.
 - b. Further assessments will be conducted on other sector-specific policies for sectors that are due for re-allocation, as well as on fees.

(3) (a) and (b)

It is envisaged that extensive consultation will take place with the general public, right holders and industry associations during Phase 2 of the Socio-Economic Impact Assessments of the Policies. These engagements will include consultation and public participation processes on all the policies, the application forms and the proposed adjustments in fees and levies.

Regards



MS BD CREECY, MP

MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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