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Ms A A M Weber (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Whether municipalities and district municipalities report directly to her with regard to their appointments and vacancies of air quality officers; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what number of (i) local municipalities and (ii) district municipalities in (aa) KwaZulu-Natal, (bb) North West and (cc) Free State have an air quality officer, (b) what is the (i) name and (ii) contact details of the specified municipality and specified air quality officer in each case, (c)(i) how often do they report and (ii) to whom do they report in each case and (d) what is the reason that some of the local municipalities do not have an air quality officer?

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

Municipalities and district municipalities do not report directly to the Minister with regard to their appointments and vacancies of air quality officers. The National Environmental Management Air Quality Act (NEMAQA) and National Framework for Air Quality Management stipulates that spheres of government, at the national, provincial and local levels are autonomous, "how" these functions are to be implemented is up to each department and/or municipality. The Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, therefore, does not dictate how other autonomous spheres of government should

capacitate themselves to implement their air quality management functions, however, it continues to provide assistance and guidance to all spheres of government through various means, including, but not limited to: the hosting of air quality governance events the development of various implementation manuals, regulations, guidelines, air quality information systems, standard formats, templates and best practice case studies aimed at the efficient and effective implementation of the NEMAQA and the hosting of short-courses in the use of these implementation manuals, guidelines, software, standard formats and templates. Through this assistance and guidance, the national department also wishes to ensure that the NEMAQA and its National Framework are implemented in a coherent, cohesive, integrated and uniform fashion.

(a) (i) The appointment of local municipal air quality officers is at the discretion of district municipalities as the functions of the designated District Air Quality Officers are coordinated within the local municipalities.

(ii) (aa) KwaZulu-Natal Province

District Municipality	(b (i)) Name of the Air Quality Official	(b (ii)) Email Address	(b (iii)) Contact Details
eThekweni Metropolitan	Mr Bruce Dale	bruce.dale@durban.gov.za	(031) 311 3654 083 449 5781
Amajuba District	Ms Nothile Mthimkhulu	nothilem@amajuba.gov.za	(034) 329 7200 082 908 5764
Ilembe District	Mr Ravind Lawton	Ravind.Lawton@ilembe.gov.za	(032) 437 9453
Harry Gwala District	Ms Michaelina Bulelwa Mchunu	mchunum@harrygwalam.gov.za	(039) 834 8700 ext 8799 072 4210 687
Ugu District	Ms Noloyiso Nkqeto Mr Bright Khumalo	noloyiso.nkqeto@ugu.gov.za bright.khumalo@ugu.gov.za	(034) 688 3529 (038) 688 3382/ 072 271 0333
uMkhanyakude District	Mr Sifiso Xulu	Sifiso.xulu@ukdm.gov.za	(033) 392 2318
uMngungundlovu District	Mr Brendan Rajoo	rajoob@umdm.gov.za	079 491 2148
uMzinyathi District	Ms Sharmain Moodley	moodleys@umzinyathi.gov.za	(031) 421 9150

District Municipality	(b (i)) Name of the Air Quality Official	(b (ii)) Email Address	(b (ii)) Contact Details
Uthukela District	Mr Dan Ramalingana	dan@uthukeladm.co.za	(036) 638 5100
Zululand District	N/A	N/A	N/A
King Cetshwayo District	Gugu Gazu	gugu.gazu@umhlathuze.gov.za	(035) 789 2682 076 989 2383

(bb) North West Province

District Municipality	(b (i)) Name of the Air Quality Official	(b (ii)) Email Address	(b (ii)) Contact Details
Bojanala Platinum District	Ms Amanda Bubu	amandab@bojanala.gov.za	083 622 9852
Dr Kenneth Kaunda District	Ms Nokukhanya Pearl Tenza	xaban@kaundadistrict.gov.za	(018) 473 8038 083 512 7950
Ngaka Modiri Molema District	Mr Kgatlane Jacob Moleofane	moleofanek@nmmdm.gov.za	018 381 9400 ext 9579/ 083 281 5540
Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District	N/A	N/A	N/A


(cc) Free State Province

District Municipality	(b (i)) Name of the Air Quality Official	(b (ii)) Email Address	(b (ii)) Contact Details
Fezile Dabi District	Mr Chakane Sibaya	chakanes@feziledabi.co.za	079 497 0769
Lejweleputswa District	Mr Yolisa Kupiso	yolisa@leiwe.co.za	072 616 1600
Mangaung Metropolitan	Mr Jaco Lamprecht	jaco.lamprecht@mangaung.co.za	082 573 6943
Xhariep District	Ms Morakane Keswa	xharipehp@gmail.com	072 147 8618

District Municipality	(b (i)) Name of the Air Quality Official	(b (ii)) Email Address	(b (ii)) Contact Details
	Moletsane		
Thabo Mofutsanyana District	Mr Pierre Swart	pierre@tmdm.gov.za	084 513 3100
	Ms. Grace Ramokotjo	grace@tmdm.gov.za	076 052 9365
	Ms. Tshidi Mokhobo	tshidi@tmdm.gov.za	073 634 5424

- (c) (i) Districts municipalities report through legislated air quality management intergovernmental horizontal and vertical coordination and cooperation structures as is prescribed in the National Framework for Air Quality Management.
- (ii) The district municipalities report quarterly to provinces and coordinate through Provincial – Municipal Air Quality Officer’s Forums which are held quarterly. The district municipalities’ reports form the Provincial Annual Reports that are tabled to National Government during the Annual Air Quality Governance Lekgotla. These reports are then compiled by the national department as the Annual National Air Quality Officers’ Report published on the South African Air Quality Information System (<https://saqgis.environment.gov.za/>).
- (d) Local municipalities are not charged with the responsibilities of implementing air quality functions. The functions are rendered at district level under a district Air Quality Officer who coordinates all matters pertaining to air quality. This prevents duplication of effort and allows for better use of limited resources.

Regards



 MS B D CREECY, MP
 MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT
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