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Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Given that climate change will considerably increase oceanic temperatures which, inter alia, will have devastating effects on our kelp forests, not only destroying marine habitat and biodiversity, but also additional capability as kelp acts as carbon-sink platforms, what are the relevant details of the steps that her department has taken to assist in slowing kelp forest decline in the Republic?

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

Kindly refer to the Department's response to parliamentary question 2508, dated 13 November 2020.

Regards

MS B D CREECY, MP

MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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