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QUESTION NO. 951 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A draft reply to Mr R K Purdon (DA) to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

MS NOSIPHO NGCABA DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE:

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

DR B E E MOLEWA, MP MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DATE:

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(For written reply)

QUESTION NO. 951 {NW1037E}

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Mr R K Purdon (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

Whether, with reference to the restaurant and visitors complex that burnt down in November 2016 in the Tsitsikamma National Park, Storms River, any steps have been taken to rebuild the facility; if not, why not; if so, (a) what steps and (b) what are the timelines?

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951. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

a) The planning for the Tsitsikamma restaurant precinct development has been completed following the fire in November 2016 and is ready to be subjected to a tender process. After the restaurant was destroyed by the fire, SANParks decided to upgrade the entire restaurant precinct to include all infrastructure.

The project scope includes the following:

- Restaurant that accommodates 250 seats
- Curio shop with offices and stores
- Information centre as first point of arrival for visitors
- Multi use Boat house
- General Amenities for visitors that includes play areas, picnic areas as well as beach showers and dressing areas
- Bulk Services (Electricity, water and sewer)
- b) It is envisaged that the tender and contracting process will take six months from May 2018 to October 2018. Construction is scheduled to commence in January 2019 after the peak tourism season. The estimated construction period is 18 months due to the difficult site and visitor management requirements, with estimated completion in September 2020.

The clients are being serviced from provided marquee since 10th December 2016

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