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Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

(a) What is the strategy for the Just Transition relating to the climate change commitments in the Republic in accordance with the Paris Agreement, (b) at what stage is the plan and/or strategy with regard to achieving the Just Transition, (c) what are the milestones and time frames for achievement of the Just Transition, (d) what other departments are involved in the Just Transition, (e) what engagements has she had with the specified departments and (f) what are the details of the stakeholders that are involved in the Just Transition?

1597. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- a) In 2022, Cabinet adopted the Just Transition Framework based on recommendations submitted to it by the Presidential Climate Commission (PCC). The framework defines a just transition and sectors that are at risk, and it sets out principles, strategies, policy areas and priority actions to achieve a just transition. This includes policy and investment in the following key policy areas:
- (i) Human Resource Development and Skills Development;

- (ii) Industrial Development and Economic Diversification and Innovation; and
 - (iii) Social Protection Measures.
- b) The PCC is working with government departments and other role players for the implementation of the Just Transition Framework, including various initiatives being undertaken by different levels of government.
- c) The PCC is currently formulating recommendations on the implementation plan of the Just Transition Framework, which will be aimed at defining actions, responsibilities, outputs, timeframes, as well as monitoring mechanisms more tightly.
- d) Key national government departments and entities include National Treasury; the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy; the Department of Public Enterprises; the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation; the Department of Employment and Labour; the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment; the Department of Health; the Department of Water and Sanitation, including entities, such as the Development Bank of South Africa, Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa, National Energy Regulator of South Africa, South African Local Government Association, Eskom, as well as the Reserve Bank of South Africa.
- e) See (f) below.
- f) The Just Transition Framework has been extensively discussed under the leadership of the PCC with various stakeholders who have an interest in it or who are responsible for implementing various aspects of the plan. This includes organised labour, civil society, non-governmental organisations, youth organisations, the faith community, local government, and organised business.


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