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Mr D W Bryant (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Whether, with reference to the recent announcement by the SA Revenue Service (SARS) of an investigation into a company that stands accused of stealing almost R10 million regarding the tax on single-use plastic bags, her department has been approached by SARS as part of the investigation; if not, what role does her department play in oversight of the plastic bag tax; if so, has any punitive measures been taken against establishments that fail to charge for plastic bags?

1654. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

No. The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) has not been approached by the South African Revenue Service (SARS) as part of this investigation of a company that stands accused of stealing R10 million regarding tax on single-use plastic carrier bags.

The DFFE is part of the monitoring, enforcement and oversight on the Plastic Bag Regulations, not the Customs and Excise Act, 1964 (Act No. 91 of 1964) and its Regulations, as these are the mandate of National Treasury.

Accordingly, the DFFE is not involved in the imposition of punitive measures against the companies that fail to charge for plastics bags or fail to comply with the Customs and Excise Act, 1964 (Act No. 91 of 1964) and its Regulations.

Regards



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

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