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Mr N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

What is the total amount of revenue collected from the leasing of state-owned forests in the 2018-19 financial year?

49. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT FORESTRY AND FISHERIES REPLIES:

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) indirectly manages 230 264 hectares of State plantations (Category A) through lease agreements signed with four forestry companies. The companies are MTO Forestry (Pty) Ltd; Amathole Forestry (Pty) Ltd; SiyaQhubeka Forest (Pty) Ltd; and Singisi Forest Products (Pty) Ltd. In addition to this, an area of 187 320.27 hectares is managed by the South African Forestry Company (SAFCOL), which is a State-owned company.

In January of every year, the forestry companies pay lease rental into the DAFF bank account. The lease rental money is then transferred and invested with the Public Investment Corporation (PIC) in an interest bearing account which is administered by DAFF. The balance as of 31 March 2019 is R788 397 015.

Rental Money collected during the 2018/19 financial year

Forestry package	Leaseholder	Date of lease signature	Extent (ha)	Lease rental collected from 01 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 in Rands
MTO	MTO Pty Ltd.	24 Jan 2005	57 061(ha)	4 708 502,31
AMATHOLE	Amathole Pty Ltd	24-Jan-2005	25 405(ha)	3 273 446,00
SQF	SQF Pty Ltd	06 Mar 2001	21 956(ha)	14 113 388,54
SINGISI	Singisi Forests Products Pty Ltd	06 Mar 2001	76 563(ha)	10 485 743,67
Total				32 581 080,40

Source: Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Regards

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MS B CREECY, MP
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

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