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

Whether she has been informed of the ongoing mismanagement and collapse of the Msunduzi, New England Road landfill site; if so, has she made any effort to (a) hold the Msunduzi Local Municipality accountable for the mismanagement of the specified landfill site and (b) shut down the landfill site for rehabilitation?

**729. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

a) Waste management is a concurrent function shared between National and Provincial government. I am aware that the MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs has visited the New England Road landfill site and is taking action to bring the landfill site into compliance and has ensured that KZN Provincial Department officials continue engaging with senior municipal officials responsible to act against non-compliance and also monitor landfill operations.

The KZN Department has issued Compliance Notices in terms of S31L of the National Environmental Management Act on 15 May 2019 and 18 February 2020, and a Criminal Case was also opened by the Provincial Department of Environmental Affairs on 27 August 2019 (CAS 58/09/2019).

Some gains in this regard have been made through the appointment of external service providers to manage the site.

b) The Msunduzi Municipality and/or the uMgungundlovu District Municipality intends to build a new site in a different location in anticipation of the New England site running out of space and to serve other local Municipalities which currently do not have their own landfill sites.

**Regards**



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

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