



## forestry, fisheries & the environment

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Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(For written reply)

QUESTION NO. 1499 {NW1738E}

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**Ms T Breedt (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:** Whether, noting that Appendix VI of the National Environment Management: Biodiversity Act, Act 10 of 2004, lists the designated ports of entry for import, export and re-export of species listed in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), she will furnish Ms T Breedt with the (a) ports through which the export of CITES-listed species is permitted, (b) the ports at which Environmental Management Inspectors (EMIs) are stationed and (c) number of (i) EMI's at each port, (ii) EMI's on duty at any given time and on average and (iii) shipments they are required to inspect in each day?

#### 1499. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- a) All CITES consignments/listed species are permitted through ports of entry/exit on a pre-booked basis. This means that CITES permits require that all CITES consignments/shipments exported or imported must be pre-booked with the OR Tambo International Airport EMI office prior to such export/import being undertaken. Therefore, the shipments inspections are dependent on the confirmed bookings for each day.

**Land ports where prebookings can be made:**

Beit Bridge Border Post

Lebombo Border Post

Jeppes Reef Border Post

Golela Border Post

Ramatlabama Border Post

Nakop Border Post

Vioolsdrift Border Post

Maseru Border Post

**Airports and harbours where prebookings can be made:**

Cape Town International Airport

OR Tambo International Airport

King Shaka International Airport

Port Elizabeth International Airport

Kruger-Mpumalanga International Airport

Cape Town Harbour

Durban Harbour

Port Elizabeth Harbour

- b) The ports at which Environmental Management Inspectors (EMIs) are stationed,

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) EMIs were stationed at OR Tambo International Airport (ORTIA) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 until 31 March 2023. On the 01 April 2023 the Border Management Authority (BMA) commenced with its operations at all ports of entry in South Africa. DFFE EMIs who were based at ORTIA, were transferred to the BMA, and continue to perform CITES – related functions from ORTIA

- c) (i)

The five (5) EMIs based at ORTIA have the responsibility to attend to all pre-booked CITES consignments that were to be exported or imported via other CITES listed ports of entry.

(ii)

The EMLs are on duty daily from 07:30 to 16:00.

(iii)

See (a) above



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

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