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**Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

- (1) (a) What number of (i) ambient air stations are situated within the City of Ekurhuleni and (ii) the specified air stations are in working order, (b) where are the air stations situated, (c) what number of ambient air stations are supposed to be operational within the City of Ekurhuleni according to legislation, and (d) which entity is responsible for each ambient air station; and
- (2) whether any ambient air station reported air quality that did not meet minimum standards during each of the past five calendar years to date; if so, (a) in what respect were air quality minimum standards not met in each case, (b) which ambient air stations reported such failures, (c) what action was taken in each case and (d) who were the transgressors in each case?

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

- (1) (a) (i) There are 10 air quality monitoring stations in the City of Ekurhuleni and one private station owned by ACSA.
- (ii) The specified air stations are in working order:
  - Eight of the monitoring stations are operational
  - Two of the stations are under repair.

- (b) City of Ekurhuleni stations are located in the following areas:
- Olifantsfontein Industrial Area, situated next to Emergency side (Ambulance).
  - Tembisa, situated at Erin Clinic.
  - Bedfordview Station – at Waste Management Depot.
  - Delville Station – behind Germiston Stadium and Swimming Pool.
  - Thokoza Station – at the entrance of Thokoza Emergency Services / Old Thokoza Customer Care Centre.
  - Leondale Station – next to Leondale Clinic on the Leondale library side.
  - Etwatwa station – inside Jerry Moloï library in Etwatwa.
  - Springs station – at Springs Old Boys Club.
  - Wattville station – in the Wattville Youth Centre.
  - Tsakane station – at Tsakane ext. 9 Clinic.
- (c) Ten stations are supposed to be operational according to legislation.
- (d) Five stations are operated by the national department; Olifantsfontein, Etwatwa, Springs, Bedfordview and Thokoza stations. These are part of the strategic National Air Quality Indicator stations.

Five of the stations are operated by City of Ekurhuleni: Tembisa, Delville, Leondale, Wattville and Tsakane.

- (2) The standard that was not met was in PM<sub>10</sub>.
- (a) The air quality minimum standards were not met as it was above 75ppb. For this reason, the area was declared Highveld Priority Area.
- (b) The following ambient air stations reported such failures:
- Etwatwa
  - Tembisa
  - Thokoza
  - Wattville
  - Tsakane

- Olifantsfontein
- (c) the following action was taken:
- For Olifantsfontein, together with the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, legal action was taken against the industry which is not complying with smell nuisance regulations.
- (d) the transgressors in each case were the following:
- Coal use in informal settlements.
  - Dusty Roads without tar.
  - Waste Management Company in Olifantsfontein, mainly smell nuisance.

**Regards**

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