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Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) Whether her Department will offer any form of Covid-19 financial and/or other relief to small businesses; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details; and
- (2) whether the Covid-19 financial and/or other relief will only be allocated to qualifying small businesses according to the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003), as amended; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) on what statutory grounds and/or provisions does she or her Department rely to allocate Covid-19 financial or other relief only to small businesses according to the specified Act, and (b) what form of Covid-19 financial or other relief, if any, will be made available to other small businesses?

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

- (1) and (2) Government, through the Department of Small Business Development is coordinating support to small enterprises. We are facilitating applications to these funds where appropriate. The conditions for the relief are determined by the Department of Small Business Development.

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

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