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(For written reply)

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Mr K J Mileham (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Whether her department has conducted inspections in loco of the landfill sites in Makana Local Municipality, Eastern Cape; if not, why not; if so, (a) on what dates were the inspections done, (b) what were the findings of such inspections and (c) what actions have been taken to ensure compliance of the landfill sites with the relevant legislation?

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

The Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries has not conducted *in loco* inspections of the landfill site in the Makana Local Municipality.

The Makana Landfill site is a general landfill site and accordingly, the regulatory duties, including taking compliance and enforcement action when non-compliances are detected, fall within the mandate of the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (ECDEDEAT), as per the concurrent responsibility accorded to the the provincial authorities in terms of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

(a) (b) (c)

The Department contacted ECDEDEAT who have confirmed that they have been dealing with this matter and are actively engaging with the Makana Municipality. ECDEDEAT have indicated that they have issued compliance notices in respect of this site and have further advised that their last inspection was conducted in July 2019.

The Department has further been advised that the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism allocated one million, six hundred thousand rand (R1 600 000.00) to assist the Makana Local Municipality to fulfill their management obligations in relation to this landfill

Should you require further details in this regard, please pose a question in the Eastern Cape Legislature to the relevant MEC.

Regards



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