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Mr A Arnolds (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Whether her department received any complaints regarding the air quality in the City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality area of the Western Cape; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) how many complaints, (b) what actions were taken in this regard, (c) when last was the air quality in the said area tested and (d) what were the results of such a test?

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

- (a) The department has not received any air pollution complaints in the City of Cape Town.
- (b) No action have been taken as no complaints were received by the department.
- (c) The quality of air in the City of Cape Town is continuously tested using air quality monitoring stations commissioned by the City of Cape Town. The city has a network of 14 stations in the metropolitan area and data from the monitoring stations are reported in real time to the South African Air Quality Information System (SAAQIS) on <https://saaqis.environment.gov.za/>. The stations monitor legislated criteria pollutants including particulate matter (PM₁₀, particles with an aerodynamic diameter of less than 10 micrometres, 10⁻⁶ m and PM_{2.5} particles with an aerodynamic diameter of less than 2.5 micrometres), sulphur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), carbon monoxide (CO), ozone (O₃) and benzene (C₆H₆). The air pollutants measurements

are compared with National Ambient Air Quality Standards in order to assess if the quality of air is in compliance with legislated thresholds.

- (d) According to data available on the SAAQIS, during 2020, the quality of air in the City of Cape Town was in compliance with national ambient air quality standards for all the air pollutants monitored at the stations.

Regards



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