Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

(1) Whether she has been informed that the South African Weather Service (SAWS) appointed a certain person (Moelo Mothebe) despite the fact that she was dismissed at the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) for serious allegations of corruption; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) how and (b) what are the reasons that she was appointed without background checks; and

(2) whether she has been informed that the specified person is allegedly colluding with a certain person (Julia Mphafudi) regarding corruption activities involving recruitment agencies; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, did SAWS confirm the allegations?

1219. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

(1) (a) and (b) In terms sections 6 and 14 of the South African Weather Service Act No. 8 of 2001, this matter has been referred to the Board of SAWS to investigate and take remedial action where necessary. Accordingly, when they have discussed this matter and decided on remedial action I will inform the Portfolio Committee.
(2) See (1) (a) and (b) above

Regards

[Signature]

MS B D CREECY, MP
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT
DATE: 25 JUNE 2020