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

- (1) Whether any public participation took place regarding the building of Shalati Railway Hotel due to the land claims on this land; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) were the correct procedures followed regarding the tender process, (b) was the tender advertised and (c) will she furnish Ms A M M Weber with the (i) actual advertisement of the bidding for the hotel, (ii) bid applications, (iii) names of all the bidders attending the interviews for the bidding processes and (vi) minutes once the process was completed;
- (2) whether there has been a previous working relationship between a certain person and a certain association (names furnished) that was awarded the tender; if not, what is the position in this regard, if so, did a certain person serve on the board which elected the tender?

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

- (1) Yes. Public participation process was followed regarding the building of Shalati Railway Hotel as outlined in the National Environmental Management Act (Act 108 of 1998).
 - (a) Yes, SANParks under the guidance of the National Treasury followed the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) tender process in line with National Treasury Regulation 16.

- (b) Yes, the tender was advertised in the City Press as well as the Lowvelder newspapers.
- (c) (i) Yes, the advert is attached as **Annexure A**.
- (ii) The bid documents are voluminous and the member is encouraged to view them at SANParks Offices at his/her convenience.
- (iii) Only one company (Sithole Restoration Services) submitted the bid for the tender.
- (iv) Attached as **Annexure B**, is the extract of the Board Minutes that approved the appointment
- (2) Please refer to the Department's response to parliamentary question 2973, dated 11 December 2020.

Regards



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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