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

(a) How many vacancies currently exist in her department, (b) in which (i) categories and (ii) levels are such vacancies and (c) for how long has each specified position been vacant in each case?

**835. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

(a) The Department has a total of 568 vacant posts, of which 204 have been prioritised for filling and are currently on different Recruitment and Selection phases. 23 of these posts have already been filled. Because of constraints on the compensation of employees budget, the Department is only advertising urgent, critical and essential service vacancies in line with the DPSA Circular 19 of 2020. Please see Annexure A.

(b)(i) (ii) and (c) See annexure A

**Regards**

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

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