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MINISTER

QUESTION NO. 171 FOR ORAL REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A draft reply to Ms J Edwards (DA) to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

MS NOSIPHO NGCABA
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE:

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MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(For oral reply)

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Ms J Edwards (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

Whether her Department rehabilitated the 20 wetlands targeted by her Department in the first quarter of the 2016/17 financial year; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

171. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

The twenty (20) wetlands targeted by the Department of Environmental Affairs' Working for Wetlands programme were not rehabilitated in the first quarter of the 2016/2017 financial year. There were delays caused by contracting process; and the legal vetting of proposed contracts.

Training in health and safety was done in the programme during the first quarter.

There was also finalisation of erosion control, rewetting and alien species control within twenty-three (23) wetlands that were worked upon in the last financial year. The work took place in five (5) wetlands in Limpopo, seven (7) wetlands in the North West and eight (8) wetlands in the Eastern Cape.

The programme has since commenced work upon targeted wetlands, and thirty-five (35) wetlands are already under rehabilitation.

The programme will meet its target of rehabilitating one hundred and thirty-two (132) wetlands during the 2016/2017 financial year.

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