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MINISTER

QUESTION NO. 2293 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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

MS LIMPHO MAKOTOKO
DIRECTOR-GENERAL (ACTING)

DATE:

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

DR B E E MOLEWA, MP
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DATE:

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(For written reply)

QUESTION NO. 2293 {NW2625E}

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Mr J Vos (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

Whether any (a) internal and/or (b) external forensic reports pertaining to (i) her Department and/or (ii) each entity reporting to her were completed from 01 January 2009 up to the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what is the (aa) name, (bb) subject matter and (cc) date of conclusion of each of the specified forensic reports?

2293. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

The results of forensic related investigations are often detailed in a forensic report.

These reports are often used for several purposes. It is important to take note of the legally privileged and confidential information contained in forensic reports. Due process and protocols of releasing such information should be followed especially if such reports have not been released to the public domain.

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