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Mrs C N Z Zikalala (IFP) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

What is her department doing in respect of the alleged dumping of toxic chemicals at Bosplaas north of Pretoria by Ceramic Industries?

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THE MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ANSWERS:

The Department of Environmental Affairs has conducted a criminal investigation against certain persons accused of the illegal dumping of general waste in the Bosplaas area. The investigation has been completed and the accused will appear in court on 23 May 2013.

However, the Department is not aware of toxic chemicals being dumped in this area. The waste involved in the case investigated by the Department comprised granite and building rubble which are not hazardous. The Department is also aware that the North West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism has been investigating the illegal dumping of waste comprising ceramic tiles.

Should there be information related to the dumping of toxic chemicals, such information should be provided to the Department through the Environmental Crime Hotline 0800 205 005 for further investigation.

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