



## **environmental affairs**

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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 192 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**

A draft reply to **Mr D A Worth (DA-FS)** to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

**Ms N Ngcaba**

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**DATE:**

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

**MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP**

**MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**DATE:**

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**

**(For written reply)**

**QUESTION NO. 192**

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**Mr D A Worth (DA-FS) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

- (1)     Whether the World Wildlife Fund has donated any funds towards protecting Prince Edward and Marion Islands since 1 May 2012; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
  
- (2)     (a) what vessels are being used to enforce regulations since Prince Edward and Marion Islands have been declared marine protected areas and (b)(i) what additional costs are associated with the islands that have been declared marine protected areas and (ii) from where will the funds be sourced?

**Mr D A Worth (DA-FS)**

**SECRETARY TO PARLIAMENT**

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## THE MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ANSWERS:

- (1) No, the World Wildlife Fund has not donated any funds to the South African government regarding the protecting Prince Edward and Marion Islands (PEI MPA) since 1 May 2012. They have however continued to support the declaration of this PEI MPA openly and enthusiastically through their own media releases.
- (2) (a) Considering the remote location of the PEI MPA,(approximately 1700km from South Africa) several cooperative ways are employed by the Department of Environmental Affairs (the DEA) to enforce regulations. These include arrangements with the two South African fishing vessels that are permitted to fish in that area, with observers on board, to provide information of transgressions. Furthermore the DEA is also seeking to enhance cooperation with the Australian and French governments, who regularly patrol their sovereign territories of Heard Island and the Crozet Islands, located to the east of the PEI MPA. The agreement with France, which has a land-based satellite monitoring control station in the Southern Ocean, is being finalized, and the DEA is discussing a MoU with Australia that includes monitoring and surveillance in the sub-Antarctic waters. Finally the PEI MPA is within the regional jurisdiction of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), of which South Africa is a member. CCAMLR has a rigorous compliance and enforcement regime that can result in black-listing a vessel so that these transgressors would never be allowed to fish in CCAMLR waters again, which would provide an additional enforcement measure for the DEA.
- (b)(i) Nil, so far.
- (b)(ii) Not applicable

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