



## **environmental affairs**

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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 2113 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to Mr G R Morgan (DA) to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

**Mr Fundisile Mketeni  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL (ACTING)**

**DATE:**

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

**MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP  
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**DATE:**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**(For written reply)**

**QUESTION NO. 2113**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 25NW2632E**

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**Mr G R Morgan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) Whether she used the expected number of new jobs that will be created from the implementation of a waste tyre plan as a criterion for approving a proposed waste tyre plan; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) of the waste tyre plans that have thus far been (a) approved by her and (b) submitted, but for which no decision has yet been made, what are the expected number of jobs that will be created according to the drafters of the plans;
- (3) whether the expected new jobs proposed by a waste tyre plan are subject to any kind of scrutiny in order to determine the reliability of the proposal; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether any lessons were learnt from job creation under the Buyisa-e-Bag initiative that can be brought to examining job creation prospects in the waste tyre sector; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

**Mr G R Morgan (DA)**

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**2113. THE MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ANSWERS:**

- (1) Yes, the expected number of jobs to be created was used as one of the many criteria to evaluate the plans, as per the Waste Tyre Regulations. In particular, the number of jobs coupled with whether the jobs are realistic or possible, as well as their impact – especially on previously disadvantaged individuals – was scrutinised.
  
- (2) The Recycling and Economic Development Initiative of South Africa (REDISA) has estimated to create 10 000 jobs (b) the process of evaluating and deciding on these other plans (than REDISA) is not yet finalized and I am accordingly not in a position to comment on the number of jobs envisaged.
  
- (3) Yes, the job estimates are scrutinised in terms of, inter alia, whether they are possible and meaningful in cases where previously disadvantaged individuals will be empowered, and whether the jobs will be sustainable.
  
- (4) Yes, lessons were learned. One of the key lessons was that with the right support, waste had the potential to indeed create meaningful, sustainable jobs.

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