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QUESTION NO. 3232 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A draft reply to Mrs S V Kalyan (DA) to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

**Ms Nosipho Ngcaba
DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

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. 3232

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3232. Mrs S V Kalyan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) How many applications for information in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA), Act 2 of 2000, have been received by (a) the Department of Environmental Affairs, (b) the SA National Parks, (c) the SA Weather Service and (d) the SA National Botanical Institute during the period 1 December 2011 up to the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) (a) on what date was each specified application received, (b) on what date did (i) the Department of Environmental Affairs and (ii) each specified entity notify the applicant of the outcome in each case and (c) how many applicants did not receive the outcomes after the 30-day response period had expired;
- (3) whether any applicants took action through the courts in order to access information with regard to any application for which (a) the Department of Environmental Affairs or (b) any of the specified entities declined to provide (i) all or (ii) part of the requested information; if so, (aa) how many applicants in each case and (bb) what are the further relevant details in each case?

Mrs S V Kalyan (DA)

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3232. THE MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ANSWERS:

1.(a) The Department of Environmental Affairs has received **thirty three (33)** requests for information in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000 (Act No. 2 of 2000) (PAIA), dating from 1 December 2011 to 8 November 2012. * **Please see the attached table.**

(b) The South African National Parks (SANParks) received **two (2)** applications for information in terms of the PAIA since 1 December 2011.

(c) The South African Weather Service (SAWS) did not receive any applications for information in terms of the PAIA for the period 1 December 2011 to 16 October 2012.

(d) The South Africa National Botanical Institute (SANBI) received **one (1)** application for information in terms of the PAIA during the period 1 December 2011 to 15 November 2012.

2. The Department of Environmental Affairs

(a)-(b) Kindly see the attached table for the dates that each specified application was received and responded to by the Department of Environmental Affairs.

(c) A total of eleven (11) applicants did not receive a response within the 30 day response period. These requesters were informed in terms of section 26 of the PAIA that the period has been extended by a further 30 days in order for the Department to locate and consolidate the requested information. Most of the requests for information entailed voluminous information kept within different components of the Department. **Please see the attached table.**

The South African National Parks

(a) Both applications for information were received by the SANParks on 8 March 2012.

(b) Both applicants were notified by the SANParks of the outcome of the applications on 13 April 2012.

(c) The two (2) applicants did not receive the outcome within the 30 day response period.

The South African Weather Service

(a)-(c) Not applicable

The South African National Botanical Institute

(a) The applicant supplied the PAIA documentation to the SANBI on 3 April 2012.

(b) The SANBI notified the applicant of the outcome on 10 April 2012 and the data was provided to the applicant on 25 April 2012.

(c) No applicants waited in excess of 30 days for a response from the SANBI.

3. (a)-(b) None of the applicants had to take any action through the courts to access the information.

* Table referred to in answer 1 and 2 above.

**Table indicating the number of applications for information in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA) received by the Department of Environmental Affairs
1 December 2011 – 8 November 2012**

Number	Date payment received	EDMS Number	Date of response
PAIA			
1.	17/12/2011	PAIA101239	27/01/2012
2.	06/01/2012	PAIA102203	17/01/2012
3.	13/01/2012	PAIA101743	22/02/2012
4.	03/02/2012	PAIA101482	21/02/2012
5.	07/02/2012	PAIA103171	05/04/2012
6.	15/02/2012	PAIA102594	02/03/2012
7.	01/03/2012	PAIA103461	19/03/2012
8.	26/03/2012	PAIA101544	23/04/2012
9.	28/03/2012	PAIA102100	11/04/2012
10.	10/04/2012	PAIA100562	19/04/2012
11.	10/04/2012	PAIA104619	19/04/2012
12.	30/04/2012	PAIA105022	12/07/2012
13.	18/05/2012	PAIA104580	15/06/2012
14.	14/06/2012	PAIA105606	15/06/2012
15.	14/06/2012	PAIA105725	15/06/2012

Number	Date payment received	EDMS Number	Date of response
16.	23/04/2012	PAIA103687	08/05/2012
17.	23/04/2012	PAIA104580	15/06/2012
18.	11/06/2012	PAIA105950	11/06/2012
19.	11/06/2012	PAIA105950	16/07/2012
20.	11/07/2012	PAIA108138	01/08/2012
21.	16/07/2012	PAIA108196A	08/08/2012
22.	01/08/2012	PAIA108658	25/09/2012 Third party notification sent on 16 August 2012
23.	03/09/2012	PAIA111060	05/11/2012
24.	03/09/2012	PAIA111058	05/11/2012
25.	07/09/2012	PAIA113918	24/10/2012
26.	18/09/2012	PAIA117218	16/10/2012
27.	02/10/2012	PAIA118818	Pending. Extension was requested from the requestor. Third party notification sent, awaiting response
28.	09/10/2012	PAIA120133	20/11/2012
29.	16/10/2012	PAIA120151	05/11/2012
30.	08/10/2012	PAIA98188A	Pending. Extension was requested from the requestor on 08/11/2012
31.	17/10/2012	PAIA105606A	Pending. Extension was requested from the requestor.
32.	29/10/2012	PAIA120615	Pending. Extension was requested from the requestor
33.	08/11/2012	PAIA120856	20/11/2012

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