Mr M Swart (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question 50 on 22 February 2007, the Linefish Management Working Group represents all fishermen who are required to install vessel monitoring systems; if so, what is its total membership;

(2) whether it has a constitution; if so, (a) where can it be obtained and (b) what are (i) the names of the members of its management committee, (ii) their fields of expertise and (iii) the details on how this management committee was elected;

(3) whether fishermen may install vessel monitoring systems from any supplier; if not, which supplier are they required to use; if so, (a) how and (b) by whom will this installation process be coordinated;

(4) whether the main purpose for implementing this process is to prevent poaching; if so,

(5) whether his department will pay for these installations; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?
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(1) The Linefish Management Working Group is made up of representatives of the Department, the line fish associations, other fora and currently also some fishers. On average the meetings of the Management Working Group are attended by 8-9 fisher representatives.

(2) No. It has a draft Terms of Reference.

(a) It can be obtained from the Branch: Marine and Coastal Management (MCM). The line fish associations, to which right holders belong, have constitutions that can be obtained from them.

(b)(i & ii) As the Working Group is still in its formation stage, there is open participation. Below is a list of people who have attended meetings to date:

**Departmental representatives:**

- Fisheries Management Expertise:
  - Mr Ntobeko Bacela (Director: Inshore Fisheries Management)
  - Mr Kwaenele Bovi (Deputy Director: Line & Netfish Management)
  - Mr Temba Tanci (Assistant Director: Line & Netfish Management)
  - Ms Khumo Morake (Assistant Director: Line & Netfish Management)

- Scientific Expertise:
  - Dr A Cockroft (Principal Specialist Scientist)
  - Mr Chris Wilke (Marine Scientist)

- Compliance Expertise:
  - Mr Ngadlela (Director: Compliance)
  - Mr P Goosen (Deputy Director: Compliance)

- Fisher Representatives:
  - W. Croome (Line fish Association)
  - P Garcia (Fishing Community Mobilisation)
  - A Swart
  - AJF Eksteen
  - JL Garcia
  - A Newman
  - JCP Joubert
  - D van Antwerpen
  - M Kloots

(b)(iii) The Management Working Group comprises of departmental representatives from resource management, research and compliance, as well as fisher representatives.
(3) Yes, as long as the device conforms to the functional specifications required by the department.

(a) The device must be installed onboard the vessel.

(b) The installation is usually done by the supplier of the fisher's choice.

(4) No.

(5) No. The cost of the installation of the VMS is borne by the vessel owner.