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MINISTER

QUESTION NO. 958 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A draft reply to Mrs M Wenger (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. 958

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Mrs M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Since 1 January 2011, how many applications under the Promotion of Access to Information Act, Act 2 of 2000, were received by (a) her departments and (b) entities reporting to her, and in each case, how many were (i) granted, (ii) refused and (iii) deemed refused under section 27.
- (2) Since 1 January 2011, how many internal appeals under the Act were received by (a) her departments and (b) entities reporting to her, and in each case, how many were (i) granted, (ii) refused and (iii) deemed refused under section 77(7).
- (3) Who is the information officer for (a) her departments and (b) each entity reporting to her, and in each case, what are the contact details of the officer?

Mrs M Wenger (DA)

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THE MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ANSWERS:

The Department of Environmental Affairs

1. The Department of Environmental Affairs has received a total of **sixty two (62)** requests for information in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000 (Act No. 2 of 2000) (PAIA) from 1 January 2011 to date. There were **thirty nine (39)** granted, **two (2)** refused, **two (2)** partially refused and **0** deemed refused under section 27. Note: **fourteen (14)** matters were **transferred** to the relevant departments or authorities concerned, four **(4)** are still being processed by the department and in **one (1)** instance the department did not have the information that was requested.

Department of Environmental Affairs: January 2011 to date

Number of applications received	Number granted	Number refused	Number partially refused	Number deemed refused	Internal Appeals received
62	39	2	2	Nil	2

2. The Department of Environmental Affairs has dealt with **one (1)** internal appeal in terms of the PAIA, which was an appeal against the partial disclosure of information; it was dismissed. The other appeal is still in process.

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The South African National Parks (SANParks)

- 1 SANParks received **five (5)** applications for information in terms of the PAIA since 1 January 2011 to date. The **five (5)** requests were granted and none was refused or deemed refused.

SANParks: January 2011 to date

Number of applications received	Number granted	Number refused	Number deemed refused	Internal Appeals received
5	5	Nil	Nil	Nil

2. SANParks did not receive any internal appeals.

3. **SANParks Information Officer:**

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The South African Weather Service (SAWS)

1. The SAWS received **one (1)** application for information in terms of the PAIA since 1 January 2011 to date. The application was granted.

SAWS: January 2011 to date

Number of applications received	Number granted	Number refused	Number deemed refused	Internal Appeals received
1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil

2. The SAWS did not receive any internal appeals.

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The South African National Botanical Institute (SANBI)

1. SANBI had received **three (3)** requests in terms of PAIA from 1 January 2011 to date. The **three (3)** requests were granted and none were refused or deemed refused under Section 27.

SANBI: January 2011 to date

Number of applications received	Number granted	Number refused	Number deemed refused	Internal Appeals received
3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil

2. SANBI did not receive any internal appeals.

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iSimangaliso Wetlands Park

(1) and (2) iSimangaliso did not receive any PAIA requests or internal appeals for the period 1 January 2011 to date.

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