



**environmental affairs**

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Environmental Affairs  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 640 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to Mrs E C van Lingen (DA-EC) 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 COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**

**(For written reply)**

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**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 39 CW787E**

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**Mrs E C van Lingen (DA-EC) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) How many applications for information in respect of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, Act 2 of 2000, have been received by (a) her department, (b) the SA National Parks, (c) the SA Weather Service and (d) the SA National Botanical Institute during the period 1 December 2010 up to the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) (a) on what date was each application received, (b) when did her department or the entity notify the applicants of the outcomes of the applications in each case and (c) how many applicants did not receive the outcomes after the 30-day response period had expired;
- (3) whether any applications for which her department or the entity declined to provide (a) all the requested information or (b) part of the requested information were followed up by applicants by taking further action through the courts in order to access the information; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (i) how many in each case and (ii) what are the further relevant details in each case?

**MRS E C VAN LINGEN (DA-EC)**

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Organisation	1. Number of applications received	(a) Date received	b) Date of notification of outcomes	c) Number of outstanding applicants	3(a) Applications declined	(b) Further actions taken through the court	(i) Number of cases	(ii) Further relevant details in each case.
SANParks	1	26/9/2011	The applicant has not been notified by SANParks of the outcome of the application. The applicant himself notified SANParks on 5 December 2011 that the information had been made available by the local authority on its website.	None	No	No	None	N/A
SAWS	1	07 June 2011	09 June 2011	None	No	No	None	N/A
SANBI	2	17/8/2011 & 29/9/2011	27/9/2011 & 12/10/2011	One	No	No	None	N/A

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