

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 641

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641. Mr H B Groenewald (DA-WC) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) How many applications for information regarding the Promotion of Access to Information Act, Act 2 of 2000, were received by the (a) Water Research Commission and (b) Trans Caledon Tunnel Authority since 1 December 2010 up to the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) (a) on what date was each specified application received, (b) when did the entity notify the applicants of the outcomes and (c) how many applicants did not receive the outcomes after the 30-day response period had expired;
- (3) whether any of the specified applications for which 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;
- (4) whether, with reference to her reply in the National Assembly to question 3556 on 31 January 2011, there has been any changes to the (a) name, (b) email address and (c) telephone number of the information officer of (i) her department, (ii) the Water Research Commission and (iii) the Trans Caledon Tunnel Authority for enquiries regarding this matter; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) One (1) application was received by the Water Research Commission (WRC).
- (1)(b) One (1) application was received by the Trans Caledon Tunnel Authority (TCTA).
- (2) Refer to the table below:

Entity	(2)(a) Date application received	(2)(b) Date the entity notified the applicant	(2)(c) Number of outcomes after 30 days response period
WRC	24 January 2011	9 February 2011	None
TCTA	5 October 2011	17 October 2011	None

(3) Refer to the table below:

Entity	(3)(a) Specified applicants for which the entity declined to provide requested information	(3)(b)(i) Number of information followed up by applicant	(3)(b)(ii) Further relevant details in each case
WRC	The request was declined as fulfilling the request would compromise the internationally accepted review process for research proposals. The matter was never taken to court by applicant.	The request was declined as fulfilling the request would compromise the internationally accepted review process for research proposals. The matter was never taken to court by applicant.	None
TCTA	The applicant has been informed that the tender for which he requested information has been cancelled. The applicant only responded on 28 November 2011 requesting the information despite the cancellation. The matter is currently being considered.	The matter is still under consideration.	Not applicable

(4) With reference to the National Assembly question 3556 on 31 January 2011, changes occurred only for the TCTA. Refer to the table below for those changes:

Entity	(4)(a) Name	(4)(b) Email Address	(2)(c) Telephone Number
TCTA	Ms Margaret Ndawonde	tinfor@tcta.co.za	012 683 1200

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