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DEPUTY MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION ★34 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mr G R Morgan (DA), is attached for your consideration, please.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)
DATE: 1/9/09

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


MS R MABUDAFHASI, MP
DEPUTY MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
DATE: 03.09.09.

Note questions were to be replied on the
02.09.09 in parliament.

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★34. Mr G R Morgan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether, with reference to the 150 yellowwood trees that were poisoned in the area of Drakensberg Sun by a contractor of the Working for Water programme, any action has been taken against the contractor; if not, why not; if so, what action;
- (2) whether any action has been taken to ensure that similar incidents are prevented; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NO1115E

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes. Disciplinary action has been taken against the contractor for violating the norms and standards and a written warning has been given. Further more the contractor has been removed from the data list for contractors.
- (2) Yes. A decision was taken as a way forward to prevent similar incident from re-occurring as follows:
 - Working for Water will provide 200 indigenous trees which will be planted by the hotel in its project of greening the environment, this was agreed upon with the land owner.
 - There will be more involvement of land owners whenever Working for Water work is carried out in their properties.
 - The road show and field days will be carried out through-out the region with all Working for Water contractors to address issues similar to this one, and to ensure such problems are prevented in future. This would also help to ensure that the land owners are aware of the working for water standards, to understand what is expected of work done by Working for Water teams.
 - The Project Manager to form part of the Environmental Committee, within the community.