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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 396 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question by Mr K A Sinclair (COPE-NC) is attached for your consideration.

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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DATE: 3/10/2071

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS BEE MOLEWA, MP

MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DATE: 3011 10/11

### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

### **FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

### **QUESTION NO 396**

# <u>DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 16 SEPTEMBER 2011</u> (INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 29)

## 396. Mr K A Sinclair (COPE-NC) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether her Deputy Minister has attended the 7<sup>th</sup> China Jilin Northeast Asia Investment and Trade Expo that was held from 6 to 11 September 2011 in her official capacity; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether her Deputy Minister was accompanied by members of the Progressive Business Forum on this visit; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- whether she will provide details relating to this official visit; if not, why not; if so, (a) what was the total cost of the visit and (b) what are the details of all persons who accompanied her Deputy Minister?

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### **REPLY:**

- (1) The Deputy Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, Ms R Mabudafhasi, MP, did not undertake in her official capacity the visit to the Trade Expo that was held from 6 to 11 September 2011.
- (2) No, the Deputy Minister was not accompanied by members of the Progressive Business Forum. The delegation visit was initiated, arranged and managed by the Progressive Business Forum, not by the Deputy Minister or the Department.
- (3) Falls away.

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