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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2758 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above question asked by Ms B D Ferguson (Cope) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 23/10/2012



DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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2758. Ms B D Ferguson (Cope) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

Whether any action was taken against officials in her department who violated the Promotion of Access to Information Act, Act 2 of 2000, in the 2011-12 financial year; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

No action has been taken against any official violating the Promotion of Access to Information Act, Act 2 of 2000, in the 2011-12 financial year. During 2011-2012 financial year, no official of the Department of Water Affairs was found to be wilfully contravening the Act.

- Section 90 (1) of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000 (Act No. 2 of 2000) provides that an official of the Department commits an offence if such an official intentionally denies a right of access to information held by the Department by destroying, damaging or altering a record; conceals a record; or falsifies a record or make a false record.
- Section 90 (2) of the same Act provides that an Information Officer who wilfully or in a grossly negligent manner fails to comply with the provisions of section 14 commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine, or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years.

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