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 **Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**Minister**

**National Assembly question for written reply: 1036**

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**Date:**

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**Dr. T Ramontja**

**Director General: Department of Mineral Resources**

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**NA QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 1036 ADVANCE NOTICE NO: NW1196E**

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**1036. Mr J R B Lorimer (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:**

(1) What are the (a) details and (b) all relevant dates of all steps that have been taken to facilitate and ensure the effective functioning of his department’s compliance monitoring and enforcement since 1 January 2009;

(2) what are details of (a) all steps taken and (b) all steps to be taken to address the substantial vacancies in his compliance and monitoring department;

(3) what are the details regarding the (a) appointment, (b) training and (c) designation of all current inspectors who will conduct compliance monitoring and enforcement;

(4) what plans are in place to publish results of compliance monitoring and enforcement? NW1196E

**REPLY**

1. (a) (b) In June 2011, the Department established a compliance and enforcement structure in the Mineral Regulation. In 2013 funding was made available and accordingly utilised to enhance environment authorisation capacity.

(2) (a) (b) National Treasury has allocated funding sufficient to fund 22 positions, which are currently in the process of being filled.

 (3)(a) 34 personnel have been appointed and designated.

(b) 28 persons have been successfully trained as Environmental Mineral Resource Inspectors whilst 6 had been previously trained. A further 60 persons will undergo training during this financial year.

(c) See (a) above

(4) The mining sector information will be provided to the Department of Environmental Affairs for inclusion into their relevant report.

Approved/not approved

**Adv N.A. Ramatlhodi**

**Minister of Mineral Resources**

**Date Submitted:-**………………/………………/2015