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Dear Hon. Chairperson

WRITTEN RESPONSE TO OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE: "STATE OF WASTE MANAGEMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA" OF 18 FEBRUARY 2022

During the Portfolio Committee meeting of 18 February 2022, Members engaged the department on the "State of Waste Management in South Africa".

Several questions were raised by Members, most of which were responded to during the meeting. However, the Committee requested the following information in a written response.

- 1. From slides 23/24 I would like to have this info for every town in the provinces.
(Mpumalanga)***

Response:

Please see Appendix A and B

2. List of Waste to energy programmes.

Response:

Waste to energy facilities registered on the South African Waste Information System

Table 3: Waste to Energy facilities registered on SAWIS

Eastern Cape
R1: Direct recovery of energy from waste
FFS REFINERS PATERSON ROAD
Oil recycling
scrap tyres
Gauteng
R1: Direct recovery of energy from waste
Centurion Biodiesel (pty) LTD
Daphco Multi Service Group (recovery)
Diverse Innovation Trading (recovery)
Enviroprotek (Pty) Ltd
Heaven Energy Waste Tyre Pyrolysis Plant
Lafarge Holcim
LeanerGreenerFleet (Pty) Ltd
Nela
S A Fuel and Combustion Supplies (recovery)
Total Rubber recycle
Turnkey Construction (Pty) Ltd (recovery)
Kwazulu-Natal
R1: Direct recovery of energy from waste
Coprocessing of waste in Kiln for Cement Manufacturing
Extraction
Iraya Trading plastic to oil pyrolysis
Iraya Trading Pyrolysis
Polymer and spent solvent
Sappi Kraft: Tugela Mill
Limpopo
R1: Direct recovery of energy from waste
Biofuels Business Incubator (Producer of Biodiesel From Waste Vegetable Oil)
PPC Dwaalboom AFR energy recovery
Mpumalanga
R1: Direct recovery of energy from waste

A-Mark Investment Group
Mrs Scrap Holdings CC.
North West
R1: Direct recovery of energy from waste
Dudfield AFR
Lafarge Co-processing
PPC Slurry Waste Tyre Burning
Northern Cape
R1: Direct recovery of energy from waste
Afrisam ULCO, NC
PPCL Limited
Western Cape
R1: Direct recovery of energy from waste
Builders Warehouse - Tygerberg - Waste Drop-off Point
FINE WOOD VENEERS - used oil cans
PPC De Hoek Co-processing of Waste Tyres

3. Slide 13 where it refers to roles of DTIC, DMR, Agriculture, DOH & DBE, I want to understand in terms of IGR - are you coordinating with these other departments?

Response:

The Department has an Intergovernmental structure on waste management that meets on a quarterly basis with the nine (9) Provinces and twice a year with National Government Departments wherein the following departments; Department of Trade Industry and Competition (DTIC), Department of Science and Innovation (DSI), Department of Minerals and Energy (DMRE), National Defense Force (NDF) and Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) amongst others, participate and cooperate on waste management matters.

The Department also participates in various DG FOSAD clusters (ESIEID, ICTS and SPCHD) where waste management matters are considered and where relevant matters are escalated to Cabinet.

The Department also has regular bilateral engagements with DSI on the implementation of waste Research, Development and Innovation roadmap.

4. These contentious issues around mercury waste. Importing of it by THOR chemicals. What is the progress on the exportation of Thor mercury waste to Switzerland?

Response:

The importation of mercury containing waste ceased approximately 28 years ago. Since then, the challenge has been to identify a treatment and disposal option as such do not exist within the Republic of South Africa. Significant progress was however made over the last year, as described below:

Total material arrived at Switzerland for treatment and disposal	1,732.7t
Total material shipped to date (approx.)	1,856t
Containers shipped to date	100t
Total material repacked and stored on site (approx.)	157t
Remaining unpacked material estimate (approx.)	2,317t

5. How does this EPR system work in terms of second-hand goods for example clothing. Cape Town is infested with 2nd hand clothes – has the department researched where these clothes come from

Response:

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is only applicable to listed prioritized products. Clothing textiles are currently not listed for EPR. However, the department is collaboratively working with the DTIC on the Research on Textiles and Garments in South Africa. This is a donor funded project which is implemented through the National Cleaner Production Centre of South Africa (NCPC-SA)

6. With regards to these 2nd hand goods, I note your response but the department has a responsibility. If these 2nd hand goods are not dealt with then they become waste. The department should take this seriously.

Response:

There is currently no EPR on Textiles and Garments but the current research initiatives that are taking place will assist on the policy approach of EPR in Textiles and Garments.

The collaboration with the DTIC on the Textiles and Garments will assist with measures to deal with the waste that has been confiscated by SARS from customs.

7. *What is the size of the SA waste picker association and what grants are going towards waste?*

Response:

We managed to disburse once-off Covid relief payments of R945 to 10678 out of 13774 waste pickers, that applied/ or are registered on our system. Total amount disbursed is R10 104 885.00. Please also see attached Appendix C.

8. *Issues with regards to municipalities getting grants in terms of solid waste (for rural municipalities) collection is not happening. SALGA negotiating regarding buying of yellow fleet trucks. Please consider motivating a grant for solid waste removal.*

Response:

The proposal has been noted and DFFE will collaborate with SALGA on this.

9. *Slide 20 also with regard to timelines in terms of collection of waste in traditional and rural areas.*

Response:

The proposal has been noted and DFFE will collaborate with Provinces and SALGA on this and work on an Action Plan.

10. *Slide 24 bringing municipalities into compliance (timelines).*

Response:

The proposal has been noted and DFFE will collaborate with Provinces and SALGA on this and work on an Action Plan.

11. Please provide list of international donor funds for waste.

Response:

Please see attached Annexure D.

Yours sincerely



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