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Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

(a) Where are her department's air quality monitoring stations located in the (i) eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality and (ii) Msunduzi Local Municipality, (b) under whose jurisdiction do the air quality monitoring stations fall, (c) where is the data from the air quality monitoring stations (i) accessible and (ii) published in each case?

1069. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

a) (i) There are 15 ambient air quality monitoring stations owned and managed by eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality. The monitoring stations are in various locations throughout the municipality. More information on the location of these stations, including the physical address and coordinates of each station should be requested from the municipality concerned.

- (ii) Msunduzi Local Municipality: There are three (3) air quality monitoring stations owned and managed by the Msunduzi Local Municipality. The monitoring stations are located in various locations throughout the municipality. More information on the location of these stations, including the physical address and coordinates of each station, should be requested from the municipality concerned.
- b) The stations fall within the jurisdiction of eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality and Msunduzi Local Municipality.
- c) (i) The data collected from these ambient air quality monitoring stations in eThekweni Metropolitan and Msunduzi Local municipalities is located in the South African Air Quality Information System (SAAQIS) (<https://saaqis.environment.gov.za>), a web-based platform that provides air quality information access to the general public. The data can also be accessed through the SAAQIS mobile application, which is available on iOS and Android platforms. This application allows users to access air quality data on their smartphones.
- (ii) The data collected from the eThekweni Metropolitan and Msunduzi Local municipalities air quality monitoring stations is published as monthly reports on the South African Air Quality Information System.



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