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**Mr D W Bryant (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

- (1) In light of the fact that five security guards were killed at the Goudkoppies landfill site in Devland, Johannesburg, on 11 January 2022, what steps are being taken to ensure the safety of all staff at landfill sites across the Republic;
- (2) whether there are any other nationally managed landfill sites that are targeted by criminals; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) where are the sites located and (b) what has been the nature of the criminal activity;
- (3) what impact will the Devland killings have on the functioning of the specified site?

**111. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

- 1) The South African Police Service (SAPS) is pursuing the criminal investigation into both attempted murder and murder cases linked to Kliptown CAS 132/01/2022, involving the fatal shooting incident that took place at the Goudkoppies landfill site on 11 January 2022. The conviction of the suspects in this case would confirm zero tolerance against violent crimes. The SAPS and the Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department (JMPD) conduct constant patrols to improve safety on this site.

- 2) The Goudkoppies landfill site is operated by Pikitup under the City of Johannesburg and it is managed under the licensing authority competency of the Gauteng Provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD).
- a. The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) has not been made aware of any waste facility sites within DFFE's licensing authority competency that are targeted by criminals. However, standard protocol is that access to any waste facility site is controlled.
  - b. The nature of criminal activity at waste facilities does not fall under the DFFE's licensing authority competency.
- 3) The report of the City of Johannesburg confirmed that the Goudkoppies landfill site operations were ceased immediately and alternative disposal facilities are being used. The site is currently closed while the repairs to the perimeter wall, gate and other security-related matters are being attended to.

**Regards**



**MS B D CREECY, MP  
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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