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FOR ORAL REPLY
QUESTION 1126
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Mrs A M M Weber (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

(1) Whether she will furnish Ms A M M Weber with the rehabilitation and/or restoration plan for the Wilge and Olifants Rivers in eMalahleni where the river ecology has been destroyed and 23 indigenous fish species have died during the ordeal; if not, why not, if so, on what date;
(2) what is the (a) actual distance of destruction of the ecology and (b) distance of the ecological damage from Kromdraai and Saalboomplaat which are the points where the incident commences to the two rivers;
(3) what is the timeline for the reintroduction and restoration of the algae to the specified rivers as the algae is one of the most precious elements in biodiversity in the rivers that fish lived on for their survival;
(4) what other effects, besides the 23 fish species that died, has she found did the incident have on the rest of the biodiversity of the rivers such as plants, trees and animals?

**Attached find here:** [**Reply**](https://pmg.org.za/files/RNW1126-2022-04-08.pdf)