**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**(For written reply)**

**QUESTION NO. 1917 {NW2145E}**

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**Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

Whether her department maintains a register of claims against it; if not, why not; if so, what are the details of (a) all outstanding legal claims against her department with actual and/or potential claim values greater than R100 000 and, in each case, (b) the (i) claimant, (ii) nature of claim, (iii) actual and/or potential claim amount and (iv) status of claim to date?

**1917. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

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The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) maintains a register of all monetary claims made against it. Please see the register, attached hereto as Annexure A, with all information as requested.

There are currently twenty-four claims with a value greater than R100 000.00 against DFFE. One claim has recently been settled and the remainder of the claims are defended. In three of the claims, DFFE is not the competent authority, and has been misjoined as a party to the proceedings.

Regards

**MS B D CREECY, MP**

**MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

**DATE**: ..