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Mr M N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Whether her department has determined the environmental impact of sewage spills that are experienced by communities in many municipalities across the Republic; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment has not determined the environmental impact of sewage spills on rivers across municipalities in the country as the administration of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA) falls under the responsibility of the Minister of Water and Sanitation.

The Honourable Member is advised to pose this question to the Minister of Water and Sanitation. Nevertheless, on 16 February 2022 I wrote to the Minister of Water and Sanitation requesting details on how this matter is being dealt with by his Department due to public concerns raised with myself in this regard.

Regards

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

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