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Ms C N Mkhonto (EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Whether, given the high number of illegal dumping sites in the Republic compromising the health and wellbeing of communities, her department has a policy in place to monitor the total number of illegal dumping sites in each municipality; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, to which extent has she found that (a) the respective municipal bylaws, including the enforcement thereof, are in compliance with her department's policy and/or (b) municipalities have capacity to deal with illegal dumping?

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

The National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) (NEM:WA) discourages dumping and littering by means of criminalisation through Section 27(2) read with Section 67(1)(b), 67(2)(a) and 67(2)(b).

Dumping as an environmental crime gets reported to municipalities and the South African Police Service (SAPS).

a) The National Department has developed model by-laws that provide guidance on waste management matters, including discouraging illegal dumping. In general, the by-laws of

municipalities criminalise littering and dumping, and provide options of imprisonment, fine and/or (community) correctional service.

b) The capacities (e.g. human resource, financial resources, and related infrastructure) of municipalities to provide refuse removal services, cleansing services, monitoring and enforcement of respective by-laws on illegal dumping are widely varied. There are infrastructure and institutional support programmes that are aimed at addressing the delivery of refuse removal services including, but not limited to the following:

- Municipal Infrastructure Grant: The funds are used to develop and upgrade waste infrastructure facilities and to purchase yellow fleet that is key for cleansing services.
- Good Green Deeds Programme and Community Works Programme: Uses Mass Public Employment to contribute to cleaning and removal of illegal dumps.
- Capacity building and training: Councillors and municipal officials are trained on waste management matters.
- Integrated Waste Management Planning support: The development of waste sector plans is supported through a web-based tool and/or technical waste expertise support.

Regards



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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