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

- (1) Whether, in light of the number of buildings that were previously used as fishing facilities in the Hout Bay harbour which have fallen derelict over the past few years posing a health and safety risk to local residents and business owners, there has been a decrease in the fishing productivity in the Hout Bay area over the past five years; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what steps are being taken to support the local fishing industry;
- (2) who is currently (a) contracted as a security provider for the derelict sites and (b) paying the contractor between her department and/or the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure;
- (3) whether she has recently met with her ministerial counterpart in the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure to discuss the future of the harbour; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

2578. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

(1) The facilities and buildings in the harbours are managed by Department of Public Works and

Infrastructure (DPWI) which includes the leasing and maintenance of such buildings. The DFFE

is responsible for the day-to-day operational management of the harbours, which includes,

amongst others, the management of accommodation for fishing vessels, slipping and dry

docking of vessels, access control, and waste management.

(2) Security officials are stationed at Hout Bay harbour and the costs of the security services are

shared between the DFFE and DPWI. The DFFE is in a process of appointing security for all

the fishing harbours.

(3) The DFFE and DPWI meet quarterly at a Branch level to discuss strategic issues relating to the

harbours while monthly meetings are held to deal with operational and technical matters.

Regards

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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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