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**Minister**

**National Assembly question for written reply: Question 2633**

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**2633. Adv A de W Alberts (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources: †**

(1) (a) How long does it usually take him and his department to give approval for the transfer of exploration and mining rights and (b) what has been the average period for finalising the transfer of the specified rights over the past five years;

(2) (a) how long did it take to approve the transfer of the mining and mineral rights from Optimum to Tegeta and (b) on what date (i) was the request of Tegeta received and (ii) was approval given for the transfer of the mining and mineral rights;

(3) (a) why is there a difference between the specified average transfer period and the transfer period of Optimum to Tegeta and (b) who requested that the transfer should be expedited;

(4) whether he had discussions and/or written communication with Tegeta and Optimum concerning expediting the transfer of the mining and mineral rights; if not, on what basis did he and his department make the decision to expedite the transfer; if so, (a) on what date, (b) where and (c) with whom did they communicate? NW3106E

**Reply**

(1)(a) There is no timeframe in the legislation for the processing of applications for the transfer of a right/interest in a right.

(b) On average three to six months

(2)(a) Three months and two weeks

2(b)(i) 15 December 2015

(ii) 29 March 2016

3(a) There is no difference

(b) There was no request to expedite this application.

4 Please see 3(a) above. The application was not handled differently by the Department

**Approved/not approved**

**Mr MJ Zwane**

**Minister of Mineral Resources**

**Date Submitted:-**……………/………………/2016