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Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Whether, with regard to the allegations made by nongovernmental organisations (NGOs) on Russian prospecting in Antarctica, her department intends to present allegations and information presented to them by NGOs to the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting as a signatory to the treatise, if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

2709. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) takes environmental protection very seriously and is aware of the potential dangers prospecting poses to marine life. At this stage no evidence has been put forward to support the allegations that prospecting is taking place in Antarctica.

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

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