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Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Whether, given the current dire situation in the flooded farmlands located near the Umfolozi River, as well as the growing socio-economic crisis faced by small-scale farmers negatively impacted by the low-level flooding, her department has considered purchasing the farms and incorporating such farms into the iSimangaliso Wetland Park area; if not, why not; if so, what are the full, relevant details?

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

iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority has not been approached by farmers to purchase their land or incorporate it into the park. Should such an approach be made, park management may consider purchasing the farms for incorporation into the Park once a thorough assessment exercise, valuation and budget availability has been ascertained.

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

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