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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 2864 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to **Mr T Z Hadebe (DA)** to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

**MS NOSIPHO NGCABA**

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**DATE:**

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

**MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP**

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**DATE:**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**(For written reply)**

**QUESTION NO. 2864 {NW3337E}**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 28 of 2015**

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**Mr T Z Hadebe (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

Whether, with regard to the awarding of the tender for the development of Portions 87, 148, 149 and the remainder of Portion 1 of the farm Rietfontein 61 IR, City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality and the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report Gaut: 002/13-14/E0153 which states on page 65 that the relocation of the species Trachyandra erythrorrhiza can be treated as a pilot project in order to determine whether the plant can be successfully transplanted, she is in agreement for a pilot project to continue; if so, (a) what will the impact be on the area if the transplanting does not succeed and (b) on what evidence did her Department rely when determining that the species could possibly be transplanted?

**2864. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:**

The National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) has no record of an application for environmental authorisation for the abovementioned project. The application was lodged with the provincial department of environmental affairs, the Gauteng Department of Rural Development (GDARD), for which the Member of Executive Council is the competent authority in terms of S24C of NEMA. Please contact the GDARD for a response.

(a) and (b) Not applicable

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