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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 3016 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. 3016 {NW3556E}**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 32 of 2015**

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

1. 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 in view of the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report Gaut: 002/13-14/E0153 (details furnished), all graves and/or grave yards on the specified property that are over 60 years old will be declared as a heritage site; if not, why not;
2. whether she (a) has found that all the graves older than 60 years have been identified and (b) will ensure that no graves will be damaged or destroyed during the construction phase?

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**3016. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:**

1. and (2) 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 MEC is the competent authority in terms of S24C of NEMA. Please contact the GDARD for a response.

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