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**3071. Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:**

(a) How does (i) his department and (ii) entities reporting to him define red tape and (b) what (i) specific interventions and/or (ii) systems have been implemented to (aa) identify and (bb) reduce red tape in (aaa) his department and (bbb) the entities reporting to him? NW3612E

**REPLY:**

(a)(i) and (ii) Although the concept “red tape” has not been formally defined, any unnecessarily practice, system or process which does not serve any purpose but for delaying the delivery of legislative mandated services, may be regarded as red tape and should be avoided and eliminated by my Department and entities reporting to me.

(b)(i) Service delivery within the Department and entities is continuously monitored and evaluated through engagement with stakeholders and during annual planning. Where necessary policies and legislation are reviewed to reduce turnaround times and to maintain and improve on service delivery

(b)(ii)(aa) and (bb) The development and implementation of the South African Mineral Resources Administration System (“SAMRAD”) providing for online lodgment of applications in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (“MPRDA”), and the One Environment System which has removed duplication of functions and synchronized and reduce timeframes for the processing of applications in terms of the MPRDA, are examples of such interventions.

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