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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 3458 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to **Ms T Stander (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. 3458 {NW4119E}**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 37 of 2015**

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**Ms T Stander (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

(1) How many environmental impact assessments have been received by her department since 2009;

(2) how many of these were (a) rejected and (b) approved;

(3) of the specified approved assessments, how many (a) appeals against their approval were received and (b) of the appeals were upheld?

**3458. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:**

(1) Since 01 January 2009 to 10 September 2015, approximately 2850 applications for Environmental Authorisation were received by the department.

(2) (a) Seven applications have been refused authorisation, and

(b) 1651 have been granted authrorisation. The remainder may have lapsed, withdrawn or are currently being processed.

(3) Since 01 January 2009

(a) 301 appeals against the issuance of Environmental Authorisations were lodged.

(b) Of those 301 appeals, 20 were upheld, 29 were varied and 38 were withdrawn following settlements reached between the parties. The rest of the appeals were dismissed.

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