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Mr D W Bryant (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) (a) What are the reasons that the Fishing Rights Allocation Process (FRAP) online application deadline was revised from the original deadline of 7 December 2021 to Friday 28 January 2022 and (b) under what circumstances will a further deadline be considered;
- (2) whether she will furnish Mr D W Bryant with detailed statistics regarding the online application process once it has been concluded; if not, why not; if so, (a) on what date and (b) what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether she has found that the online FRAP application process has been accessible for all stakeholders in the fishing sector; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether particular consideration was given to those with little or no access to technology and/or the internet; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

(1) (a) The reasons that the Fishing Rights Allocation Process (FRAP) online application deadline was revised from the original deadline of 7 December 2021 to Friday 28 January 2022 was because various challenges experienced with the new Online Application System and potential Applicants encountering various technical issues between 22 November 2021 and 7 December 2021, whilst attempting to complete and submit their applications electronically. The re-opening of the FRAP Online System allowed all registered users and applicants a further opportunity to re-submit fresh applications and/or to supplement their current applications with outstanding information and/or supporting documentation.

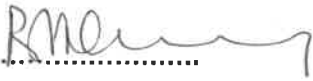
(1) (b) The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) has no intentions of further extending the application period.

(2) (a)(b) The application statistics are as follows:

SECTOR	SUBMITTED
Demersal shark	6
Hake deep-sea trawl	175
Hake long line	446
KZN crustacean trawl	16
Small pelagic (anchovy)	346
Small pelagic (sardine)	244
South Coast Rock Lobster	68
Squid	162
Traditional linefish	806
Tuna pole line	204
GRAND TOTAL	2 473

(3) The FRAP2021 application process has been accessible to all relevant stakeholders in the fishing industry. A total of 10 well-equipped satellite stations were established around the coast to assist applicants who did not have the facilities to apply.

(4) Consideration was given to prospective applicants with little or no access to technology and/or the Internet. In cases where applicants did not have the facilities to apply, the DFFE provided infrastructural resources, such as computer access, Wi-Fi connectivity, as well as support personnel at identified 10 satellite offices in coastal towns across the country. Two helpdesks were operational on a 24-hour basis to provide support to applicants on technical issues and fisheries-related matters. These services were provided during the application and extension periods.



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MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

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