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**Mr M N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**


What are the relevant details of programmes that are implemented by her department to (a) deal with global warming and (b) reduce greenhouse gas emissions other than those for transitioning from fossil fuels?

### **359. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

- (a) The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) published the National Climate Change Response White Paper in 2011, which provides guidance to sectors for a coordinated response to climate change. The sectors include Agriculture and Commercial Forestry, Health, Biodiversity and Ecosystem, Human Settlements, and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management. Furthermore, the DFFE developed the National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (NCCAS), which was approved by Cabinet in 2020 and provides overarching guidance to sectors. The following sectors are included, namely Agriculture and Forestry, Coastal Zone, Health, Terrestrial Ecosystem, Urban and Rural Settlements, and Water Resources.

- (b) The DFFE, through its Low Emissions Development Strategy (LEDS) which was deposited to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), outlined the mitigation system that will aid South Africa in reducing its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and supporting its long-term mitigation goals. Three pillars of the mitigation system are, (1) the Carbon Budgetting (allocation of emission limits to industry) System; (2) the Sectoral Emission Targets determination for sector departments that are responsible for sectors that have policies impacting GHG emissions such as energy, transport, agriculture, land use, waste, water and sanitation; and (3) a Carbon Tax which is administered by National Treasury.

All three pillars (mitigation system instruments) address emissions beyond the production and consumption of fossil fuels, and looks at process emissions, waste emission, emissions from agriculture, as well as emissions and sinks from land activities.



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