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**Mr N G Myburgh (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

What are the details of the Awareness Programme of her department regarding the importance of wetlands in terms of the (a) budget allocated, (b) personnel assigned and (c) roll out across the Republic?

**3641. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

- a) The budget allocated for the wetlands programme is approximately R1 000 000, which includes costs for promotional materials required, as well as the schools based awareness events which are held during World Wetlands Day in February each year.
- b) The Department has approximately 10 personnel from the communications functional unit charged with the responsibility of education and awareness to communities and schools.

- c) School and community awareness events are rolled-out in each province, in close collaboration with the relevant provincial departments, provincial entities and municipalities. The hosting of events for World Wetlands Day is rotated amongst provinces each year.



MS B D CREECY, MP

MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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