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Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

What is the latest information on the criminal charges laid by her department against the eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality regarding the sewage crisis in the city of Durban?

3649. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) is currently investigating two cases against the eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality where sewage is concerned. The table below provides progress which was made in relation to these investigations to date.

eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality criminal investigations by the DFFE

Case number	Current status
Pinetown CAS 166/07/2022	The investigation was finalised, and the criminal case docket was submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions to decide whether or not to pursue a prosecution. The DFFE is awaiting a decision.
Durban Central SAPS CAS 197/05/2022	The case docket is with the Environmental Management Inspectors (EMIs) for further investigation. The Director of Public Prosecutions required

	<p>statements from business owners within the Harbour, stating the severity of pollution and how it has affected their businesses. Some challenges have been experienced in obtaining these statements due to the reluctance of some parties to become involved in criminal cases. The matter has been elevated to obtain outstanding statements.</p>
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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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