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 **Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**National Assembly: 3740**

Please find attached a response to Parliamentary Questionfor **written reply** asked by **Ms P Madokwe (EFF) to the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

**Mr. Tseliso Maqubela**

**Deputy Director-General: Mineral and Petroleum Regulation**

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**Mr. Jacob Mbele**

**Director-General: Department of Mineral Resources and Energy**

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**Mr. S.G Mantashe**

**Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy**

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**3740.** **Ms P Madokwe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

(1) Whether any officials in his department have been found fostering an environment for illicit mining to prosper; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what penalties were they given;

(2) whether his department will take charge of restoring regions that have been ravaged by illegal miners; if not, who will restore such regions; if so, what are the relevant details? NW4626E

**Reply:**

1. No, no official has been found fostering an environment for illicit mining to prosper.
2. The Department will continue with rehabilitation of derelict and ownerless mines. It will further continue to promote development in areas ravaged by illegal mining, and mining rights holders to ensure that mines are rehabilitated after closure