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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 3754 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to **Ms D Carter (Cope)** to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

**MR MARK GORDON**

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL (ACTING)**

**DATE:**

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

**MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP**

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**DATE:**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**(For written reply)**

**QUESTION NO. 3754 {NW4438E}**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 40 of 2015**

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**Ms D Carter (Cope) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

Whether the Government intends to implement any plan through local government to allow owners of businesses and residential properties to get certification for being carbon neutral and therefore to enjoy a 10% rebate on their rates in order that such a dispensation will help to improve air quality, reduce pollution, create sizeable job opportunities and help mitigate climate change; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

**3754. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:**

The Department of Environmental Affairs is responsible for facilitation and co-ordination within environmental projects/interventions implemented by the municipalities and does not take the lead in as far as the implementation of local government incentive programmes for residents is concerned.

Notwithstanding this role, it is noted that the above is an innovative proposal that will be considered in consultation with the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs.

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