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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 4013 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to **Mr S C Motau (DA)** to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

**MS LIMPHO MAKOTOKO**

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL (ACTING)**

**DATE:**

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

**DR B E E MOLEWA, MP**

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**DATE:**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**(For written reply)**

**QUESTION NO. 4013 {NW4559E}**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 47 of 2017**

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**Mr S C Motau (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

(1) Which part of the Richtersveld coast line in the Northern Cape is considered to be the admiralty strip;

(2) did the area of this strip change after the promulgation of the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act, 2008 (Act No. 24 of 2008); if so, what are the relevant details; and

(3) whether the Richtersveld community owns the admiralty strip; if not, who owns the strip; if so, what are the geographical details of the admiralty strip?

**4013. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:**

(1) The Admiralty Reserve forms part of the range of zones that describe the coast along with the seashore, coastal waters and coastal buffer zone. It is generally described as a strip of land between 150 to 200 feet (45m to 60m) wide, inland of the high water mark. The Richtersveld coastline in the Northern Cape has no admiralty strip reserved, registered or designated on an official plan deed of grant, tittle deed or other documents evidencing title or land-use right.

(2) The Richtersveld coastline in the Northern Cape has no admiralty strips reserved. The National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act, 2008 (Act No. 24 of 2008) does not intend changing any area or status of any strip that exists as admiralty reserve. The Act has a huge influence in how properties adjacent and in proximity of the coast are managed or supposed to be managed.

(3) All admiralty reserves are state land and falls under the custodianship of the National Department of Public Works.

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