

**Ref:02/1/5/2**

**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 746 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to **Mr R K Purdon (DA)** to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

**MS NOSIPHO NGCABA**

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**DATE:**

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

**DR B E E MOLEWA, MP**

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**DATE:**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**(For written reply)**

**QUESTION NO. 746 {NW805E}**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 11 of 2017**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION: 24 March 2017**

**Mr R K Purdon (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

Whether she will initiate any changes in the policies and regulations of her department to include the welfare of animals, given the recent Constitutional Court judgment (details furnished)? NW805E

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

I have proposed the inclusion of a provision in the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (NEMBA) relating to the well-being of faunal biological resources. This provision will facilitate the development of regulations that will address the well-being of a wild animal in respect of which a restricted activity (such as keeping, breeding, conveying, and so on) is carried out. This proposed provision has been included in the National Environmental Management Laws Amendment Bill (NEMLA Bill) which will be tabled in Parliament in April/May 2017.

**---ooOoo---**