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#### **Ms A M Siwisa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

What collaborative efforts has she initiated in collaboration with the Department of Small Businesses Development to assist small-scale fishers along the coastal line, especially in the vicinity of small harbours, who rely on their daily catches to feed their families?

#### **1956. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Small Businesses Development (DSBD). The purpose of this MoU is to provide much-needed business and technical support to small-scale fishing cooperatives continuously to ensure their sustainability. The MoU covers work related to (1) training and mentorship, (2) value chain development, (3) the establishment of market nodes, and (4) training hubs. The DFFE is in the process of launching a mentorship programme for all small-scale fishing cooperatives, in which each cooperative will be allocated a mentor for a duration of up to three years.

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**MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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