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Ms T Breedt (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Whether, with reference to her reply to question 3141 on 6 October 2023, the proceeds of poached (a) abalone and (b) crayfish that are sold, are eventually (i) ploughed back into the department's budget for anti-poaching initiatives and/or (ii) paid into the National Revenue Fund; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

3150. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

(a)(b) (i) The proceeds from confiscated abalone and Rock Lobster (crayfish) are ploughed back into the Marine Living Resources Fund's budget for anti-poaching and research initiatives.

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(ii) The proceeds from abalone are not paid into the National Revenue Fund, but are rather paid into the Marine Living Resources Fund's bank account. This is done in terms of Paragraph 10(2) of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998) (MLRA).

MS B D CREECY, MP

MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT DATE: 21 (0) 2003