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Mr M N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

What are the details why the target of 75% of budget expenditure on (a) Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment and (b) Black-owned enterprises was removed?

4002. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

(a)(b) The target was set in 2019 for the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) five-year Strategic Plan when the National Treasury's Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Regulations of 2017 was still in effect. The DFFE revised its policy in line with the new Preferential Procurement Regulations (PPR) of 2022.

The departments new Supply Chain Management policy makes use of Specific Goals applicable for preferential procurement. The specific goals in the policy allocate preference points to enterprise/entities from the following categories:

- i. more than 50% (fifty percent) ownership by Black People
- ii. more than 50% (fifty percent) ownership by women; and
- iii. more than 50% (fifty percent) ownership by people with disabilities.

The Department stipulates one or more of these Specific Goals for its Tenders. The department has not set targets in line with specific goals as per their policy.

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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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