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Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) What are the full relevant details of the progress of the iSimangaliso Task Team regarding the dredging of the uMsunduzi blockages;
- (2) whether the specified dredging is still on course as it was intended; if not, why not; if so, what are the further relevant details?

4042. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- 1) The Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) comprising experts in aquatic science, hydraulic engineering, sedimentology, vegetation, marine and geomorphology science, were appointed and have finalised all the specialised reports for the purposes of Basic Assessment application, which, if approved, will be the Environmental Authorisation to perform dredging. The EAP is currently engaging in public participation for the specialists reports.

- 2) The specified dredging project in the uMsunduzi River is still on course and can only commence after a positive decision has been received from the Competent Authorities.



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MS B D CREECY, MP
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT
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