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Mrs C Phillips (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) With reference to her department's press release of 25 February 2022, (a) what is meant by the term species fees and (b) who receives the species fees;
- (2) what is the breakdown of the income generated from species fees' totalling approximately R1,1 billion, broken down by (a) species and (b) recipients of such fees?

1614. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- (1) (a) The term 'species fee' refers to the fee that a foreign hunter pays in respect of the hunting of a wild animal of a particular species. These species fees are advertised by a hunting outfitter in his/her hunting brochure and is informed by the fee per species charged by the owner of the land where the hunt will take place.
 - (b) The species fees are paid to the hunting outfitter, as the latter is the person who organises the hunt and enters into an agreement with the foreign hunter.
- (2) (a) The species fees generated during the 2019 hunting season are contained in the attached hunting statistics of 2019 for ease of reference.

(b) The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) cannot provide an indication of the breakdown of recipients of the species fees (private landowners in the case of hunting on private land, or communities in the case of hunting on communal land) as there is no legal requirement for hunting outfitters to report information on what landowners or communal authorities charge per species.

Regards

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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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