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**1673. Ms A M M Weber (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

- (1) What (a) number of roan antelope breeding camps are in the (i) Kruger National Park (KNP) and (ii) other national parks in the Republic, (b) is the name of each park that has a roan antelope breeding programme, (c) is the name of each roan breeding camps in each national park, (d) number of roan antelope is kept in each breeding camp, and (e) number of free roaming roan antelope is kept in each national park in the Republic;**
- (2) Whether the Capricorn breeding camp in KNP still exists; if so, does it still breed roan antelope;**
- (3) What number of roan antelopes was released from the breeding camps into their natural habitat since 1 January 2012;**
- (4) Whether the number of roan antelope has recovered since the anthrax outbreak in 2012;**
- (5) Whether, with reference to her reply to question 1077 on 18 June 2020, the 40 to 50 roan antelopes in the KNP include the nine roan antelopes remaining in the Nwaxitsumbe roan breeding camp?**

**1673. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

1. (a)
    - i. There is only one roan antelope breeding camp namely, Nwaxitsumbe, in the Kruger National Park (KNP);
    - ii. There are no other roan breeding camps currently in SANParks.
  
  - (b) Only the Kruger National Park (KNP) has a roan antelope breeding programme ;
  - (c) Nwaxitsumbe is the current and only roan breeding camp in the KNP;
  - (d) There are 9 roan antelope currently in the Nwaxitsumbe (KNP) breeding camp;
  - (e) Between 40 & 50 roan antelope are thought to occur in the KNP. There are about 40 free ranging roan antelope in Mokala National Park and two free ranging roan antelope in Marakele National Park.
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2. The Capricorn roan antelope breeding camp in the KNP is no longer in use and was completely dismantled in 2015. All roan antelope that were in Capricorn camp (about 35) are now free ranging.
  
  3. In KNP a total of 21 roan antelope were released to free range from the Nwaxitsumbe breeding camp and about 35 from the Capricorn breeding camp.
  
  4. Free ranging numbers of roan antelope are still low but indications are that they are recovering well.
  
  5. Yes, the 40 to 50 roan antelope in the KNP include the nine roan antelopes remaining in the Nwaxitsumbe roan breeding camp.

**Regards**



**MS BD CREECY, MP**

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

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