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Mr A G Whitfield (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

What was the total number of live (a) black rhino and (b) white rhino in the Republic (i) in each of the past six financial years and (ii) since 1 April 2020 up to the latest specified date for which information is available?

1963. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

Rhino numbers are informed by a variety of sources, and compiled in reports submitted to institutions responsible for the implementation of conservation treaties such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). Specific complementary reports are the following:

- Red List of Mammals of South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland for both white and black rhino;
- the Non Detriment findings for both white and black rhino;
- a report from the IUCN Species Survival Commission (IUCN SSC) African and Asian Rhino Specialist Groups; and
- TRAFFIC to the CITES Secretariat pursuant to Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP17)

Regards

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MS BD CREECY, MP

MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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