



## **environmental affairs**

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Environmental Affairs  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 2198 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to Ms J Edwards (DA) to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

**MS LIMPHO MAKOTOKO  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL (ACTING)  
DATE:**

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

**MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP  
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
DATE:**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**(For written reply)**

**QUESTION NO. 2198 {NW2520E}**

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**Ms J Edwards (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

(a) What are the latest numbers of (i) rhinos and (ii) elephants that were poached in each (aa) province and (bb) national game park from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016, (b) how many poachers were (i) caught and (ii) successfully prosecuted and (c) what punishments were enacted in each case?

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**2198. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:**

(a) (i) (aa) and (bb) It should be noted that statistics related to rhino are reported in line with calendar years rather than financial years in order to align with international reporting mechanisms.

From April 2015 to March 2016, 1 131 rhinos were poached, with 35 Elephants in each province, as reflected below:

MONTH & YEAR	PROVINCE										TOTAL
	GP	LP	KZN	NW	WC	NC	MP	FS	EC	SANParks	
Total for 2015/16 Elephant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	35
Total for 2015/16 Rhino	2	87	118	50	1	2	59	13	17	782	1131

(b) From January 2015 to December 2015, a total of 432 arrests were made in relation to rhino poaching. From January 2016 to August 2016, a total of 414 arrests were made in relation to rhino poaching.

At this time we are working with the South African Police Service in relation to the SAPS CAS System and the related crime codes in order to enable more specific analysis of the cases and reporting over different periods for rhino and elephant poaching arrests and convictions as well as wildlife trafficking cases.

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