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Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

What (a) plans does her Department have in place for providing preferential pricing structures for South Africans, as opposed to non-South Africans, which will provide access to South African National Parks (SANParks) properties, (b) research has been done in this regard and (c) are the (i) timeframes, (ii) milestones and (iii) deadlines regarding preferential pricing structures?

2239. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- a) SANParks already implements a differential pricing and fee structure for South Africans and international guests. This differential system was introduced in 2003, and the effect thereof is that South Africans receive preferential rates as compared to international guests. This was done to improve and expand access to National Parks by South Africans.
- b) Research had been conducted prior to the implementation of the preferential pricing system. SANParks embarked on a benchmarking exercise, comparing our fee structure with similar conservation authorities on the African continent.

- c) SANParks started implementing the Preferential Pricing mechanism in November 2003, and this pricing structure is being implemented currently.
 - i. Not applicable as the system is already being implemented.
 - ii. Not applicable as the system is already being implemented.
 - iii. Not applicable as the system is already being implemented.

Regards

MS BD CREECY, MP

MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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