

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES (For written reply)

QUESTION NO. 249 (CW423E)
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Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries:

(a) What was the outcome of the 'Free entry for South Africans' into the national parks during the month of September (tourism month), (b) which parks experienced the highest (i) number of visits and (ii) income during this period and (c) how much was the monetary outcome?

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## 249. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES REPLIES:

- (a) South African National Parks (SANParks) saw 113 032 visitors to our parks during South African National Parks Week from 8 September to 15 September 2017. This was a 52.6% increase from last year's 74 086.
- (b) Kruger National Park recorded the highest number of visitors followed by the Addo Elephant National Park and the Garden Route National Park
  - (i) During the 2019 SANParks week, 45 541 people accessed Kruger National Park, Addo recorded 15 091 and Garden Route National Park 11 589.

- (ii) No income is collected during this time as South Africans enter for free.
- (c) There was no monetary outcome or income from entrance.

Regards

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MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

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