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Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Whether there is an agreement in place between the SA National Parks and the SA Navy regarding alternate testing grounds; if not, why not; if so, by what date will the specified agreement be effective?

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

No agreement is in place between South African National Parks (SANParks) and the South African Navy (SA Navy) regarding alternative testing grounds. However, the South African National Defence Force; the SA Navy; the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment; as well as SANParks have agreed to work together to find an alternative site for the explosives aspect of naval exercises away from marine protected areas and the endangered African Penguin colony. An alternative testing site has been proposed and will be made public once it is formally agreed upon by all parties.

MS B D CREECY, MP
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT
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