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

What (a) is the progress in terms of the engagements between the SA National Parks (SANParks) and communities around the Kruger National Park in respect of snaring and (b) steps are put in place by SANParks to address snaring going forward?

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

a) Four dedicated community dialogues have been held since the beginning of the financial year, covering all hotspot areas in the western boundary of the park. The challenge of snaring is discussed at each of the regular seven Kruger National Park (KNP) Community Engagement Forums set up around the park. Further community engagements are still planned for the remainder of the financial year.

b) KNP law enforcement has increased the effort to combat snaring by increasing snare patrols in the hotspot areas with the help of honorary rangers and non-governmental organisations. Visitors are reporting animals with snares on social media and KNP veterinarians are always on standby to remove reported snares from live animals.

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