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Ms A M M Weber (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Whether, with reference to the disciplinary case of the Risk Manager of Kruger National Park (KNP), Mr Danny Thwala, and his two colleagues who were involved and have since been dismissed in June 2022 which started in September 2021 and her replies to question 436 on 10 March 2023 and question 3332 on 3 November 2023 on the disciplinary proceedings not being finalised and the outcomes of three High Court applications made by her department, this case has now been resolved; if not, why not; if so, what was the outcome of this disciplinary hearing;

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

The disciplinary hearing for the Risk Manager: Kruger National Park (KNP) has not been finalised. At the last sitting held on 11 March 2024, the employee was found guilty of all seven charges. The case continues.

The three High Court cases filed by the employee were all struck off the roll and cost orders granted against the employee. The employee is currently pursuing one High Court case in Pretoria, which has not been finalised.

The recruitment process will be informed by the outcome of the disciplinary process. At this stage, South African National Parks cannot commence with the recruitment process.

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