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Mr T Z Hadebe (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

What number of (a)(i) poachers and (ii) illegal immigrants were arrested by the (aa) SA National Defence Force and (bb) SA Police Service members deployed in the Kruger National Park (aaa) in each of the past seven financial years and (bbb) since 1 April 2017 and (b) the specified arrests resulted in successful prosecutions in each case? NW3034E

2727. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES

(a)(i) From 2011 to the end of 2016, 935 poachers have been arrested in the Kruger National Park. The numbers are as follows:

2011 = 82

2012 = 73

2013 = 123

2014 = 174

2015 = 202

2016 = 281

From 1 January to 30 September 2017, 206 poachers have been arrested in the Kruger National Park.

(a)((ii)(aa) The number of illegal immigrants arrested is linked to the line function of the South African National Defence Force and South African Police Services and the question should thus be directed to those respective Ministers.

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(a)(ii)(bb) For specific information on the number of arrests by the South African Police Service outside of the Kruger National Park, but related to poaching in the Kruger National Park over the seven year period, this information has to be sourced from the Minister of Police.

(b) For specified arrests resulting in successful prosecutions, this question should be directed to the Minister of Police and the National Prosecuting Agency, respectively.

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