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

- (1) With reference to her reply to question 468 on 26 March 2020, what number of Roan antelope are in the Kruger National Park;
- (2) whether the Roan antelope breeding programme has been discontinued as a result of the Roan antelope that died from dehydration because of not being provided with water; if not, what are the details of the (a) numbers and (b) objectives of the specified programme; if so, what are the relevant details; and
- (3) whether any criminal charges have been laid against the Section Ranger responsible; if not, why not; if so, (a) on what date, (b) at which police station and (c) what is the case number?

1077. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- (1) An estimated number of between 40 to 50 Roan antelope occur in the whole of the Kruger National Park.
- (2) The breeding of Roan antelope is currently continuing at the Nwaxitsumbe Breeding Camp. An Action Plan has been developed specifically for the management (safety & security) of the Breeding Camp. The direct responsibility for implementation of the Action Plan is vested in the Vlakteplaas Section Ranger and overseen by the Regional Ranger of the Nxanatseni North Region, with close oversight also being provided by the Head Ranger at Kruger National Park.

- (a) There are currently 9 Roan antelope in the Nwaxitsumbe Breeding Camp.
- (b) The objectives of the Roan Breeding Programme are to grow the numbers of Roan antelope as part of SANParks mandate to manage and protect South Africa's biodiversity. The programme also aims to continually release antelope into the greater Kruger National Park as the numbers of Roan in the camp increase.
- (3) (a, b & c) The Section Ranger was charged with Gross Negligence in an internal SANParks disciplinary process and a sanction of Summary Dismissal was imposed after conclusion of the disciplinary hearing. There were, however, no criminal charges laid against the Section Ranger because there was insufficient evidence to lay criminal charges against the Section Ranger.

Regards


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