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INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 45 of 2020

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

- (1) (a) On what date was the last meeting held between the Association of Private Nature Reserves (APNR) and Kruger National Park (KNP) to discuss offtake numbers for hunting and (b) will she furnish Ms H S Winkler with the minutes of the specified meeting;
- (2) (a) on what date will the next APNR-KNP meeting be held to discuss offtakes and hunting in the APNR and (b) will she furnish Ms H S Winkler with the minutes of the meeting to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the APNR and KNP;
- (3) whether a concept document and review of the MOU between KNP and APNR will be undertaken given the numerous incidents of unethical hunts in the APNR such as a young bull elephant that was shot multiple times in view of tourists and the shooting of Sky the Lion, to name a few known incidents; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

2620. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- (1)(a) The Association of Private Nature Reserves (APNR) Joint Operational Committee (JOC) met on 24 October 2019 to discuss the 2019-20 off-takes. Thereafter a written request, together with supporting information, was submitted for support by the South African National Parks (SANParks), and thereafter to the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) and

Limpopo Provincial Department of Economic Development, Environment, and Tourism (LEDET) for approval. The APNR Joint Operational Committee has not yet discussed the 2020-21 off-take requests during the formal Joint Operational Committee meeting, or submitted a request for support.

- (1)(b) The APNR Joint Operational Committee meeting, similar to those of the other state, private and community reserve areas open to Kruger National Park (KNP), are convened by the management structures of these entities. SANParks and the provincial conservation authorities participate in these structures, to discuss conservation, safety and security and socio-economic matters. The minutes for any off-take discussions should be obtained from the APNR, the convener of these meetings.
- (2)(a) The next APNR JOC meeting will only take place in 2021, and the off-take requests would be circulated via a round robin process for support. The APNR management structures can be approached with regard to the date of this meeting as the date has not as yet been set.
- (2)(b) There is no Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) specifically between SANParks-KNP and APNR.
- (3) There is no specific MOU between the SANParks-KNP and the APNR. The relationship is governed in accordance with the Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Park (GLTP) Treaty (2002) which allows for the inclusion of community, State and private areas into the conservation footprint, as guided by the GLTP Treaty. Fourteen State, community and private entities signed the Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (GLTFCA) Cooperative Agreement in December 2018. The Agreement is a critical intervention to address institutional arrangements within the Greater Kruger conservation area network. The agreement is a first step in addressing the historical fence dropping, and to ensure a commonly agreed framework for the protection, management and socio-economic beneficiation of the open system of the GLTFCA, in compliance with the NEMPAA (Act 57 of 2003) and other frameworks.

The Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (GLTFCA) Cooperative Agreement signed in December 2018, is required to be reviewed by all the parties three (3) years after the effective date (2021), and thereafter every five years.

As part of continuously striving for improvement, SANParks provided inputs into the hunting protocol, which was adopted by the APNR structures and the Provincial Conservation Authorities, to address concerns that emerged as result of the mentioned incidents.

Regards



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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