



## environment, forestry & fisheries

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### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(For written reply)

QUESTION NO. 322 {NW326E}

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

- (1) Whether she will furnish Ms A M M Weber with a copy of the Finalised Rhino Matters Report from 2017 to 2020 with a provincial breakdown of (a) cases finalised, (b) accused persons that were (i) jailed and/or (ii) given bail and (iii) the probation date of each accused; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
- (2) whether she will furnish Ms A M M Weber with a list, as provided before from 2008 to 2009, on the sales of white rhino according to each (a) province and (b) national park including the (i) name of the buyer, (ii) method of sale such as the veld-to-velde sales, auction or donation, (iii) number sold, auctioned and/or donated and (iv) price of each rhino; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

### **322. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

1)

The Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) is not aware of a document titled Finalised Rhino Matters Report from 2017 to 2020. The information requested would need to be extracted from the information management systems utilised by the South African Police Service (SAPS) which is responsible for investigating rhino-related offences as well as the National Prosecuting

Authority (NPA) which is responsible for prosecuting these cases. Information related to probation dates is held by the Department of Correctional Services.

As the custodian of the different aspects of information requested, the SAPS, the Department of Justice and the Department of Correctional Services would need to be approached.

2)

a) In terms of section 87A (2) of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004) (NEMBA), the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) is the issuing authority responsible for deciding an application for any permit not listed in section 87A (1) (a) as he/she is responsible for the conservation of biodiversity in such a province. The Honourable Member is therefore advised to pose the question through the Kwa-Zulu Natal Provincial Legislature to the MEC of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs as the responsible issuing authority.

b) Attached are details for SANParks (Appendix A).

**Regards**



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

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