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Mr M N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Environmental, Forestry and Fisheries:

(1)(a) What number of game farms currently (i) exist and (ii) are operational in the Republic, (b) what is the value or estimated value of the specified farms and (c) where are they located;

(2) Whether there is an inventory of game on each farm; if so, what are the relevant details of the specified inventory?

589. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

REPLIES:

(1)(a)(i) No updated information is available on the nature and extent of the game farming/ ranching industry in South Africa; however, it is estimated that there are approximately 9000 adequately fenced game farms in South Africa.

(ii) No information is available on the number of game farms that are operational.

(1)(b) It is estimated that the economic contribution of game farms in South Africa in in excess of R10 billion.

(1)(c) There are game farms in each of the nine provinces, but based on the information available, the majority occur in Limpopo, North West, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape and Eastern Cape.

(2) Currently no updated inventory is available for game on each farm. The provincial conservation authorities, as the permitting authorities for private game farms, would have information of the species on each game farm that is adequately enclosed/fenced; however, no information is available of the game species on each farm that is not adequately enclosed.

Regards


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

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