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#### **Mrs C Phillips (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

Whether, with reference to the reply to question 751 on 10 April 2017 in which it was noted that her department will pilot the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) permit system in the 2017-18 financial year and that the final national implementation of the system will depend on the adjustments to be made based on the pilot phase, the centralised national electronic permitting system of CITES, which her department had been working on for almost 20 years, has been implemented; if not, (a) why not and (b) on what date is it anticipated that the specified system will be implemented; if so, what are the relevant details?

#### **1754. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

(a) and (b)

The development of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) electronic permitting system has recently been completed. The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) with the assistance of the State Information Technology Agency (SITA) is currently deploying the configuration of the system.

It is anticipated that should no technical challenges be encountered; the system will be implemented before the end of the 2022/2023 financial year.

**Regards**



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

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