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

- (1) Which (a) national and/or (b) provincial parks will her department include in the 10-year plan of rewilding the 2 000 rhinos by a certain company (name and details furnished);
- (2) whether her department and/or SANParks will buy the rhinos that will be relocated; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, from which budget line item will the purchase amount be spent;
- (3) how does she guarantee that the rhinos will be protected against poaching when they are relocated to parks and/or conservancies in the Republic;
- (4) whether she and SANParks intend to look at the security processes provided by the Platinum Rhino farm for implementation in the national parks; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

3330. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

(1)(a) (b) On 4 September 2023, African Parks, a private Johannesburg-based conservation NGO that manages 22 protected areas in partnership with 12 governments across Africa announced that they have bought John Hume's farm and the rhinos that live there. African Parks has committed to work with

the government of South Africa in the phased process to relocate rhinos to acceptable and suitable destinations on the continent.

The rhinos referred to are privately owned, it is therefore the prerogative of the owners to ensure their safety and security during and post relocation.

At this stage no approach has been made to the South African Government to assist with re-wilding these animals.

(2)(3)(4) See 1 above.



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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