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

With reference to the recent judgement in the North Gauteng High Court in Pretoria, in the matter of The Endangered Wildlife Trust and The SA Hunters and Game Conservation Association case no 1138/2022 vs The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development and other respondents, which set aside the decision by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) to declare several game species and/or wild animal species as animals under the Animal Improvement Act, Act 62 of 1998, and noting that the judgement was given seven years after DALRRD's declaration of the game species as animals, what (a) are the full details of the implications of the judgement to her department, (b) measures has her department taken to implement the judgement, including the details of meetings that her department held with the DALRRD in this regard and (c) measures still need to be taken by her department to give full effect to the judgement?

3647. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

(a)(b)(c) The judgment has no direct implications for the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), as it does not affect the current requirements of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004) (NEMBA) pertaining to the carrying out of restricted activities (such as breeding) involving specimens of species that are listed as threatened or protected (TOPS) in terms of NEMBA.

No future measures are required from the DFFE to give full effect of the judgement. On other matters DFFE and the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) liaise on a regular basis.



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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