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Environmental Affairs
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MINISTER

QUESTION NO. 3039 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A draft reply to **Mr N Singh (IFP)** to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

**MS NOSIPHO NGCABA
DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

DATE:

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

**DR B E E MOLEWA, MP
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

DATE:

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(For written reply)

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Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

- (1) Whether she will provide copies of all lion bone export permits issued in the Eastern Cape, North West, Limpopo, Free State, Gauteng, Mpumalanga and Northern Cape provinces since 01 January 2015;
- (2) with reference to each permit issued, what are the (a) full names of the permit holder, (b) business names of the permit holder, (c) consignee and consignor addresses, (d) permit numbers, (e) names of issuing authority and (f) quantities and kilograms of lion bone permitted?

3039. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

- (1) (a) The Environmental Management Inspectors from the national Department of Environmental Affairs commenced with inspections at O R Tambo with effect from 1st April 2015. The Department is in possession of copies of all permits that were endorsed during the verification of consignments at the airport from the **1st April 2015 to October 2017**. The copies of all permits referred to above are available in hard copy and are kept at O R Tambo International Airport. The Department is not in possession of copies of permits for the period 1st January 2015 to 31st March 2015.

Copies of permits endorsed between 1st January 2015 to 31st March 2015 are held by the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development because verification and endorsement of permits was previously carried out by the provincial officials who were deployed at OR Tambo.

- (2) The details required in respect of: (a) the full names of the permit holder, (b) business names of the permit holder, (c) consignee and consignor addresses, permit numbers, (e) names of issuing authorities are available in hard copies of the permits.
- (f) Information regarding quantities of lion bones is contained in the Department's data base and can be made available. Information regarding kilograms was not recorded in the database. Only quantities of bone are recorded in the database.

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