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

- (1) With reference to her reply to question 39 on 27 March 2020, how was water provided to the specified antelope in their camp; and**
- (2) what disciplinary steps were taken against the person or persons responsible for the incident following the disciplinary hearing that was held on 05 March 2020?**

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

- (1) The water is regularly and manually pumped from a borehole by means of a diesel engine and water pump situated next to the breeding camp directly into a holding reservoir (approximately 70,000 litres) from where it is gravitationally fed by way of pipe to a water trough at ground level from which the animals can drink. Water to the trough is regulated by a ball valve to ensure it is kept full at all times and does not overflow. The reservoir is kept at least three quarters full at any given time.**
- (2) An investigation into the death of 20 roan antelope in the Nwaswistumbe Breeding Camp was carried out by the South African National Parks (SANParks) Environmental Crime Investigation**

Services (ECI). The investigation report suggested that the cause of death of the animals was lack of water over a period and therefore suggests negligence on behalf of the Section Ranger, Vlakteplaas, who is responsible for managing the well-being of the animals and camp. The report recommended that disciplinary action be taken against the Section Ranger, Vlakteplaas Section.

A SANParks Disciplinary Hearing was initiated on 5 March 2020, to address the issue and is currently in process and ongoing. It was anticipated that the process would be concluded by the 27 March 2020.

Regards



MS BD CREECY, MP

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

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