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

What are the full relevant details of the (a) process followed by her department for the evaluation of public submissions to regulations or legislation such as the Norms and Standards for the Management of Elephants in South Africa and (b) reasons why elephant experts and nongovernmental organisations did not receive any acknowledgement of receipt of their submissions?

1059. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- (a) Depending on the scientific nature of the proposed amendments, or the species to which the proposed amendments relate, the Department may decide to establish a public sector interdisciplinary committee to evaluate comments received during a public participation process. Such a committee was established for the evaluation of comments received on the proposed amendments to the Norms and Standards for the Management of Elephants in South Africa (ENS). A composite document was developed and each of the submissions received was

interrogated. Subsequently recommendations were processed into the finalisation of the draft amended ENS, which was then subject to the relevant approval processes.

- (b) Submissions received during the public participation process were acknowledged by way of e-mail correspondence.

Regards



MS B D CREECY, MP

MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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