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

Whether, with regard to the 2016 Trade in Rhino Horn Report that suggested ways to evaluate models of trade versus alternate solutions when considering trade, her Department has done a detailed investigation and analysis into the international market; if not, (a) why not, (b) how can the possibility of trade be evaluated without adequate understanding of the nature of the market, (c) why has the National Integrated Strategy on Combating Illegal Wildlife Trade that was approved in February 2017 not been adopted, and (d) by what date will it be adopted; if so, what was the result of the analysis?

1946. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- a) b) The report being referred to is the Committee of Inquiry (Col) report which was commissioned by the then Minister of Environmental Affairs to advise on preparations for the 17th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES COP17). This report relates to southern white rhino and African elephant proposals, including advising on trade as an option and the implications of different trade models. Subsequent to the Col's recommendation, the Minister took a decision not to submit a proposal to trade in rhino horn during CITES COP17 in order to allow time to effect improvements in

governance and legislation. The Department has not undertaken any detailed analysis of the international markets mainly due to there being no legal international trade in rhino horn at CITES level. There are however several reports and studies by NGOs that can be used to analyse international trade.

- (c) After the National Integrated Strategy to Combat Wildlife Trafficking (NISCWT) was presented to the Justice, Crime Prevention & Security (JCPS) Cluster, it was required to be subjected to a Socio-Economic Impact Assessment (SEIA). This was undertaken during 2017 and 2018 and approved by the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME). Thereafter, the NISCWT was resubmitted to the relevant structures including the JCPS Cluster for consideration. The Cluster recently (13 August 2020) recommended the NISCWT to Cabinet for consideration and adoption.
- (d) Adoption of the NISCWT will be made in line with the recommendations of Cabinet.

Regards



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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