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

Whether, noting that the Kruger National Park (KNP) has supported the hunting of a leopard in the Associated Private Nature Reserve despite there being no leopard quota in place at the time, she will furnish Ms H S Winkler with the details regarding the (a) full details of the rationale behind the decision, (b) scientific data supporting KNP's decision and (c) specific reserve in which this is planned to take place; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details of the leopard hunting allocation in each province for the 2020-21 financial year?

2911. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- (a) The Associated Private Nature Reserve (APNR) off-takes are submitted to the Provincial Regulatory entities, being the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) and Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) for approval. The availability of CITES tags are confirmed by the Provincial Regulatory authorities, following the review of such requests. South African National Parks – Kruger National Park (SANParks-KNP) is not the decision-making body in this regard.

- (b) The APNR, in consultation with external specialists, submit ecological information for animal off-takes. The Reserves may be requested by the MTPA and LEDET to submit additional information, if required. It is only following this process that the Provincial Conservation authorities, and not SANParks, provide the final approvals.
- (c) The MTPA and LEDET would be able to comment on the CITES tag allocation processes for leopard within the Mpumalanga and Limpopo Provinces for the 2020-21 financial year and whether such requests have been approved. SANParks does not have information or any further details on this matter.

Regards



**MS B D CREECY, MP
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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