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

- (1) Whether the cause of death of the elephant, Landa, at the National Zoological Gardens on 25 October 2020, has been established; if not, (a) why not and (b) by what date is it envisaged to be established; if so,
- (2) whether his death was found to be colic; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what caused the colic;
- (3) whether Landa will be replaced; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, by what date will he be replaced as it was reported last month that there were no plans to replace him?

2948. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- (1) Yes, the cause of death of elephant Landa has been identified and the post-mortem report was released on 28 October 2020.
- (2) According to the post-mortem report, the cause of death was colic, caused by sand impaction in the distal colon.

(3) The South African National Biodiversity Institute's National Zoological Garden is currently considering options as to whether to find a companion for our one remaining elephant.

Regards



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

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