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#### **Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

With reference to the recommendations (details furnished) on the captive breeding of lions by the High-Level Panel of Experts for the Review of Policies, Legislation and Practices on Matters of Elephant, Lion, Leopard and Rhinoceros Management, Breeding Hunting Trade and Handling, (a) what progress has been made in implementing each specified recommendation, (b) what process will be followed in implementing each recommendation and (c) by what date will each recommendation be implemented?

#### **1642. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

- (a) The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (hereinafter referred to as the Department) has initiated a process to develop the draft Policy Position. The Policy Position provides a mechanism to enact policy related to the recommendations of the High-level Panel (hereinafter referred to as the HLP) through legislative amendments and other means. Administrative recommendations will be dealt with through other specific and related processes to follow in due course. The department has also initiated a process to develop a draft White Paper on Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use for consultation.

- (b) The implementation of each recommendation will follow due processes which will include amongst others, full consultation with both public and government stakeholders, public participation processes, and any other process necessary to ensure effective implementation of each recommendation.
- (c) The department has initiated the process to develop the implementation plan that will take the recommendations forward. There are 60 recommendations and 18 goals which were aligned with the Departmental Strategic Plan 2024 to ensure operationalisation of implementation. The implementation of recommendations will be done in a phased approach depending on financial resources allocation and human capital given the extent as well as scope of coverage. Each financial year cycle will address a batch of recommendations starting from the 2021- 2022 Financial Year.

**Regards**



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

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