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Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
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(For written reply)

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Mr D W Bryant (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) Whether, with reference to her reply to question 2229 on 27 September 2021, she will furnish Mr D W Bryant with data reflecting the number of illegal and/or suspicious incursions into the Kruger National Park over the same time period; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether she will furnish the specified person with data of poaching incidents as a percentage of the total rhino population to demonstrate if the decline is due to a declining population or a successful anti-poaching strategy over the same time period; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

2596. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- (1) Data reflecting the number of illegal and/or suspicious incursions into the Kruger National Park (KNP) from 2014 to 2020 are reflected in the table below:

YEAR	NUMBER OF INCURSIONS	BREAKDOWN OF TYPES OF INCURSIONS
2014	2,308	36 camps, 111 contacts, 1826 crossings/tracks, 256 shots and 79 sightings
2015	2,466	40 camps, 122 contacts, 2031 crossings/tracks, 167 shots and 106 sightings
2016	2,833	21 camps, 175 contacts, 2359 crossings/tracks, 158 shots and 170 sightings
2017	2,622	12 camps, 120 contacts, 2174 crossings/tracks, 201 shots and 115 sightings
2018	2,620	43 camps, 129 contacts, 2223 crossings/tracks, 148 shots and 77 sightings
2019	3,440	48 camps, 108 contacts, 1641 crossings/tracks, 95 shots, 122 sightings and 1426 incursions
2020	2,685	40 camps, 44 contacts, 1375 crossings/tracks, 59 shots, 55 sighting and 1112 incursions

- (2) Other information will be available for inspection at the SANParks head office on a mutually agreed date and time

Regards



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

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