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Mrs C Phillips (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Whether, in light of the fact that during November 2020, a survey was conducted by Lizette Moolman of SA National Parks to understand stakeholder expectations for a persistent elephant population in the Knysna forest and to collaboratively determine the desired management approach, (a) the results of the survey have been analysed and (b) a conclusion has been reached; if not, by what date is it envisaged that the analysis will be completed; if so, what are the further, relevant details?

1894. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- a. A stakeholder survey was initiated in late 2020 and closed in late 2021. SANParks received approximately 400 responses to the questionnaire sent to the stakeholders. The results of the survey are currently being analysed.

- b. No conclusion has been reached yet; it is envisaged that the analysis will be completed in the 3rd Quarter of 2022/23 financial year. The process has taken longer due to the volume of responses and information received from the stakeholders. Once the results have been analysed and conclusions made, stakeholders will be informed of the proposed way forward and the recommended management actions.

Regards



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

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