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Ms T Breedt (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) Whether she will provide a breakdown of how the R124,9 million allocated to SA National Parks (SANParks) is to be spent, as indicated in the Report of the Portfolio Committee on Environment, Forestry and Fisheries on the Strategic Plan 2019/20-2023/24, Annual Performance Plan 2022/23 and the Budget Vote 32 of her department, dated 3 May 2022;
- (2) what are the priorities that the specified funds will be allocated towards;
- (3) what is the expected time frame for the (a) allocation of the funds and (b) date by which the plans towards the maintenance, development and work on the infrastructure projects are envisaged to be completed;
- (4) what progress has been made with the planning process for the allocated funds?

2735. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- 1) South African National Parks (SANParks) infrastructure projects are delivered over a three-year MTEF cycle to make provision for project planning, design and implementation. In this MTEF period, an amount of **R391 569,000** has been allocated. For the 2022/2023 financial year (the first year of implementation), an amount of R124, 9 million has been allocated, of which R104,1 million will be spent during the financial year, while the balance of R20,8 million will be carried over into the 2023/2024 financial year. The breakdown is provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Infrastructure Categories and Funds Allocated

Infrastructure Category	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	Total	%
Tourism Accommodation	R21 617 422	R28 040 953	R22 443 655	R72 102 030	18%
Staff Accommodation	R10 556 027	R19 837 612	R30 192 210	R60 585 848	15%
Electrical Infrastructure	R2 754 118	R14 209 327	R2 396 346	R19 359 791	5%
Civil Infrastructure	R8 758 199	R8 922 589	R5 955 026	R23 635 813	6%
Roads	R13 347 720	R16 458 057	R14 607 309	R44 413 085	11%
Corporate/Other Infrastructure	R1 498 030	R16 745 060	R5 488 855	R23 731 945	6%
Fences	R5 072 464	R7 101 449	R0	R12 173 913	3%
Green Energy	R5 456 522	R13 869 565	R521 739	R19 847 826	5%
Project management	R21 514 843	R21 564 843	R21 564 843	R64 644 530	17%
SUBTOTAL	R90 575 345	R146 749 455	R103 169 983	R340 494 782	87%
Output VAT	R13 586 302	R22 012 418	R15 475 497	R51 074 217	13%
TOTAL	R104 161 647	R168 761 873	R118 645 480	R391 569 000	100%

2) The funds will be used for the following priorities:

- Upgrading and renovating tourism income-generating infrastructure, mainly accommodation;
- Upgrading staff accommodation;
- Upgrading roads, including resurfacing and regravelling;
- Replacing and upgrading electrical infrastructure;
- Civil infrastructure, including water and sewer;
- Other infrastructure related to support facilities and products, such as offices and fence construction; and
- Implementing activities of the Green Energy programme, such as solar plants in Kgalagadi to replace generators and the continued installation of solar water heaters in parks.

3) (a) R104,1 million of the funds have been committed and will be used during the 2022/2023 financial year, while the remainder will be used over the MTEF.

(b) As stated above, the funds are allocated to various infrastructure projects, which have different completion times spanning from one to three years.

- 4) Planning is at an advanced stage. During the first quarter of the financial year, the Kruger National Park finalised the appointment of contractors to implement various construction-related projects. In other parks, tender advertisements took place during the first quarter and the process of the appointment of contractors has commenced and will be finalised before the end of the second quarter. Environmental impact assessment processes are underway for new developments.

Regards



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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