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

- (1) Following the commitment by a certain person (name furnished) to the Portfolio Committee on Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment that the 87 vacant ranger posts in the Kruger National Park will be filled by the end of the 2023 financial year, (a) what total number of posts have been advertised, (b) on what dates were they advertised and (c) what total number of the specified posts have been filled at the end of October 2022;
- (2) by what date does she envisage the relevant rangers will be trained and deployed;
- (3) (a) what total number of vacant posts remain for fence monitors and (b) by what date does she envisage the specified vacancies will be filled?

4038. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- (1) (a) Of the 88 positions, a total of 15 budgeted positions have been advertised. The filling of vacant unbudgeted positions at South African National Parks is also dependent on the availability of funds. As and when the funds become available, priority positions are advertised.

(b) Budgeted positions are advertised as soon as they become vacant, with the last advertisements being sent on 2 and 9 November 2022.

(c) Of the 15 positions that have been advertised, five have already been filled.

(2) All five rangers in these positions have already been trained and deployed.

(3) (a) The Fence Monitor programme has no vacancies. A total of 74 environmental monitors are working on the fence. Their role is to support fence maintenance, monitoring, and area integrity surveillance on the boundary of the Kruger National Park.

(b) Not applicable.



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ACTING MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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