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Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Whether, with reference to the National Zoological Garden of South Africa, located in Pretoria, she will furnish Ms H S Winkler with the (a)(i) Annual Report for the 2021-22 financial year and (ii) 2022-23 Management Plan and Budget and (b)(i) total number of animals acquired in the (aa) 2021-22 and (bb) 2022-23 financial years and (ii) animal acquisition plan for the 2023-24 financial year; if not, why not, in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

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

a) (i)

The South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) Annual Report for the 2021/22 financial year is published and available on the following link:

https://www.sanbi.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/SANBI-Annual-Report-2020-21-FINAL_9-Sept-2021-final-version-for-tabling....pdf

(ii)

The National Zoological Garden has plans and strategies for specific management areas, including but not limited to public management, risk, health and safety, and enclosure management. A copy of the Animal Collection Plan is attached, which is a tool used by SANBI as a managerial plenary

document for the management of animal collections at SANBI's NZGs. The total budget for the purchase of new animals in 2022/23 is R1,8 million.

b) (i)

The table below shows the total number of animals acquired in the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years, respectively:

	1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022	1 April 2022 - 27 February 2023
All acquisitions*	1 527	456

*Acquisition is through various means, such as straight purchases, exchanges, donations and disposal of confiscations

(ii)

The Animal Acquisition Plan for the 2023/24 financial year is not available yet. As such, it is finalised in the first quarter of each financial year. The table below provides a summary of the current species requirements, as at the current financial year on a species level based on the existing animal collection plan (FY).

No. of Specimens	Current Status	Surplus	Wanted (Required)	Desired Status (Full Complement)
Invertebrates	257	4	140	393
Amphibians	133	23	32	142
Fish	1 442	77	1 013	2 378
Reptiles	428	210	42	260
Birds	914	119	354	1 149
Mammals	1 023	261	201	963
TOTAL	4197	694	1782	5285


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 MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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