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(For written reply)

QUESTION NO. 708 {NW831E}

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

Whether, with reference to the Revised National Norms and Standards for the Management of Elephants in South Africa (Elephant Norms and Standards) that were published in Government Gazette 47984 (Notice No. 3010) on 3 February 2023, she will furnish Ms T Breedt with the records and analysis of public comments received, detailing (a) the public comments that were incorporated in the revised Norms and Standards, (b) how were the specified comments incorporated, (c) the public comments that were disregarded and/or rejected and (d) the reasons for rejection?

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

(a), (b), (c) and (d): The record of the analysis of public comments received in respect of the revised Norms and Standards for the Management of Elephants in South Africa that were published in the Government Gazette on 03 February 2023 for implementation, will be made available by the end of March 2023. The Honourable Member can view the Norms and Standards document at the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, by arrangement.

The Department is in the process of updating the responses, in order for these to be reflective of the provisions contained in the final approved provisions of the Elephant Norms and Standards, as well as the final approved Regulations for Threatened or Protected Terrestrial Species and Freshwater Species (revised TOPS Regulations).

The record of analysis will highlight how specific comments were incorporated, the public comments that were not accepted/ rejected, and the reasons for rejection.



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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