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

(1) Whether the 2023 Elephant Management Plan of the Kruger National Park has been completed; if not, by what date will the specified plan be completed; if so, by what date will it be made available to the public;

(2) whether she will make a statement on the matter?

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

(1) The Elephant Management Plan for Kruger National Park is undergoing internal approval processes. It will be made available to the public after final official processing within the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.

(2) Once it has been approved for adoption and for implementation; SANParks will issue a media statement



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

DATE: 29/3/2023

BACKGROUND NOTE

The Elephant Management Plans for the five national parks containing elephants, were compiled and approved in 2013, with a 10-year lifespan until December 2022. The Kruger National Park Elephant Management Plan was part of the revised five elephant Management Plans. The Plan was approved by the Board in November 2022 and submitted the Minister in December 2022. All five plans were assessed in terms of their implementation over the past 10 years and reviewed in accordance with the National Norms and Standards for Elephant Management (NEMBA 2005: Government Gazette 251 of 29 February 2008).

Each revised and updated plan presented here provides the strategic context of elephant management, supported by experience and adaptive learning, specifically during implementation of the previous plan in each park. The objectives and actions focus on addressing how elephants influence overall management objectives of each national park, as defined in the various Park Management Plans. Management plans are the outcome of extensive science-management engagement and consultation, inclusive of varied stakeholder inputs in the various parks, as determined by the different park contexts.