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

- (1) Given that research experiments involving living African elephants require an animal ethics clearance certificate from the Animal Ethics Committee of the SA National Parks (SANParks), (a) what total number of certificates have been issued from 1 January 2022 to date and (b) for what research were such certificates issued;
- (2) whether the proposed and/or actual management interventions using safety and/or danger gradients have been evaluated by the SANParks Animal Ethics Committee, considering the recently implemented National Norms and Standards for the Management of Elephants in South Africa; if not, by what date will they be evaluated; if so, what are the results thereof?

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

1. (a) No animal ethics clearance certificates relating to research on elephants were issued from 1 January 2022 to date.
(b) Not applicable

2. No research proposals involving African Elephants have been submitted to SANParks at this stage.



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

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