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

What number of captive lion breeding facilities have been closed down to date, following the recommendations of the High-Level Panel into the Management, Hunting, Breeding and Trade, and Handling of Elephant, Lion, Leopard and Rhinoceros?

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

Following the recommendation of the High-Level Panel, in December 2022, the Minister, in terms of section 3A of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), appointed a task team to identify voluntary exit options and pathways for lion breeders from the captive lion industry. The term of office for the task team is until 30 June 2023. The task team is currently in the process of engaging with key stakeholders in the captive lion industry to identify possible options that may be considered for voluntary exit. To date, a database of provinces has been developed. The database includes the number of captive-bred lions, their age and sex, stockpiles of lion parts and derivatives, practices within facility (including commercial), and the number of workers, among others.

Furthermore, on 14 April 2023, the Ministerial Task Team issued a public Notice inviting participants who would consider voluntary exit from the captive lion industry to register online or submit their details to the Ministerial Task Team on the form provided. The public Notice is due to close on 15 May 2023.



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

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