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(For written reply)

QUESTION NO. 1641 {NW1882E}

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**Ms A M M Weber (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

Whether, with reference to her reply to question 1946 on 3 June 2022, wherein she stated that Decision 14.69 of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is not applicable to the Republic, and noting operations, a report was submitted for consideration by the Standing Committee of the Conference of the Parties, as suggested in Decision 14.69, which states that parties that have tiger-breeding operations and have any doubts as to whether the Decision applies to them, are encouraged to submit a report describing such operations for consideration by the Standing Committee; if not, what are the reasons that a report was not submitted; if so, will she furnish Ms A M M Weber with (a) a copy of the report submitted and (b) the response received from CITES?

**1641. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

- (a)(b) South Africa did not submit the report to the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). The rationale for this is because facilities that keep tigers in South Africa do not export tigers for commercial purposes. These facilities mainly export the species for zoological purposes, of which the transaction is in line with the text of the Convention. However, South Africa has compiled and submitted a list of nationally registered facilities that keep tigers to the CITES Secretariat.



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

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