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(For written reply)

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

(a) What (i) total number of individuals in the canned and/or captive lion industry have engaged with her department to voluntarily exit the specified industry and (ii) is her department's timeline to complete such engagement and implement the phasing-out of the industry and (b) how does her department intend to address the phasing-out of the captive lion-hunting industry with regard to those individuals who do not wish to voluntarily exit the industry?

#### **1666. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

- a) (i) (ii) On 14 April 2023, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) issued a Public Notice for the registration of volunteers to exit the industry, which is due for closure on 15 May 2023. The call will be extended for another 60 days to afford stakeholders the opportunity to register their interest to voluntarily exit the industry. The DFFE will only know the number of individuals who are interested after the closing date.
- (ii) By the end of the calendar year.

- b) The DFFE is in the process of putting in place the necessary policies and legislative requirements that would support the phasing out of the captive lion industry.



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**MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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