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(For written reply)

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

- (1) Whether, with reference to her reply to question 708 on 17 March 2023, she can confirm if the document referred to in the specified reply, reflecting the public and stakeholder submissions to the Revised National Norms and Standards for the Management of Elephants in South Africa (Elephant Norms And Standards) and the inclusion and/or rejection of the responses thereto, has been updated as advised; if not, by what date will the specified document be updated; if so,
- (2) whether she will furnish Ms T Breedt with a copy of the document; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the document will be made publicly available and specifically to those who made submissions to the Elephant Norms and Standards process; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) how will the recommendations of the (a) National Elephant Action Plan and (b) National Elephant Research Strategy be incorporated into the Elephant Norms and Standards and vice versa?

2310. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- 1) The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) is in the process of updating responses to comments received. The record of the analysis of public comments received in respect of the revised Norms and Standards for the Management of Elephants in South Africa will be made available when updates are available.
- 2) As indicated in PQ708, the Honourable Member can view the Norms and Standards document at the DFFE, by arrangement.
- 3) The document will be made available publicly upon conclusion of the update of the responses.
- 4) The DFFE will be developing comprehensive Norms and Standards for the Management of Elephant, Lion, Leopard and Rhinoceros during the 2024/25 financial year. The provisions of the current Norms and Standards for the Management of Elephant in South Africa (2008), as well as recommendations emanating from the development of the National Elephant Heritage Strategy, will be incorporated into the new Norms and Standards to be developed. The new Norms and Standards will further be informed by all available scientific information, including information produced by recent research projects conducted under the Elephant Research Strategy.



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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