



## forestry, fisheries & the environment

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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:

(1) Whether, in view of the death of two South African cheetah that were exported from the Republic to India in the past two months as part of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) undertaken between India and the Republic and the fact that the non-detriment findings for cheetah has not yet been tabled for public participation, she will be halting the export of any further cheetah to India under the MOU; if not, why not; if so,

(2) whether her department intends to undertake any policy review to address an inclusion of a welfare mandate for wildlife that falls under its auspices; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

#### 2381. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- 1) The status quo of the MoU between South Africa and India remains unchanged at this stage.
- 2) A mandate for the regulation of the well-being of wild animals has been included in the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004) (NEM:BA), as part of the National Environmental Management Laws Amendment Act, 2022 (Act No. 2 of 2022) (NEMLAA). NEMLAA was published in Government Gazette No. 46602 of 24 June 2022 for implementation, but has not yet been signed into operation.  
While the legislative mandate to regulate the well-being of wildlife is awaiting operationalisation, well-being needs will be taken into consideration in relevant decision-making processes.

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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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