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

- (1) With reference to the Industry Wildlife Forum that is managed in an exclusive, closed and non transparent manner, while the Wildlife Wellbeing Forum is inclusive with broad membership and access (details furnished), what are the reasons that the two entities are managed differently;
- (2) whether she intends to take steps to bring the Industry Wildlife Forum management in line with the way in which the Wildlife Wellbeing Forum is being managed; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

3223. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:


- (1) The Wildlife Forum and the Wildlife Well-Being Forum are both consultative forums, but have been established at different times, emanate from different processes, and operate under different Terms of Reference (TORs).

The Wildlife Forum was established in 2006 and was then re-positioned as an outcome of the Biodiversity Economy Laboratory, which was hosted in 2016. The TORs were initially adopted by its members in 2008, and later revised and approved by the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries

and the Environment in 2019.

On the other hand, the Wildlife Well-Being Forum was established in 2022 as an outcome of the High-Level Panel to review policies, legislation and practices relating to handling, management, breeding, hunting and trade of elephant, lion, leopard and rhinoceros. The TORs were approved by the Minister in 2022, and were revised and approved in 2023.

- (2) As indicated in the reply to Question 1 above, each forum is guided by their respective approved TORs, noting the distinctive role they play within the biodiversity and conservation sector. The Wildlife Well-Being Forum is not yet fully operational and, as a result, the two forums have not yet met collectively in a plenary meeting. Alignment of the operational procedures of the two forums may be considered as soon as the Wildlife Well-Being Forum is also fully operational.



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT
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