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Mr D W Bryant (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

(a) On what date is the polygraph testing of senior staff of the SA National Parks (SANParks) set to commence as stated in the report by SANParks to the Portfolio Committee on Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment on 15 September 2023 and (b) which officials will be subjected to the polygraph testing?

3204. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- (a) Polygraph testing will commence in the third quarter of the 2023/24 financial year.
- (b) The South African National Parks (SANParks) has prioritised the Ranger Services Department of the Kruger National Park (KNP) as the first division to undergo testing. The initial phase of testing will be focused on the senior management in the KNP, which includes the Managing Executive for the KNP, members of the KNP Management Committee, and the leadership in the Ranger Services Department, such as the General Manager: Conservation and Area Integrity Management, Head Ranger: Ranger Services, Regional Rangers, and Section Rangers.

The testing will then be rolled out to other levels within the Ranger Services Department and broadly in selected areas within the organisation.



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT
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