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

- (1) What was the initial budget for the Dinosaur Interpretive Centre at the Golden Gate Highlands Park in Clarens in the Free State that was commissioned by the SA National Parks in 2019;
- (2) whether a certain company (details furnished) remained within the budget; if not, why not;
- (3) what amount was budgeted for the interior which will serve as the (a) interactive museum and (b) scientific research station?

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

- (1) The budget for the Dinosaur Interpretive Centre is R118 896 000 (Including Value Added Tax).
- (2) South African National Parks as implementer of the project has remained within budget. The appointed contractor completed the construction of the centre and associated infrastructure within the contract amount of R84 475 760.54 (VAT inclusive).

- (3) (a) An amount of R15 238 930 was budgeted for the interior which includes an interactive display and exhibition which researchers will have access to for research purposes.
- (b) No specific budget has been set aside for research.

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**MS B D CREECY, MP**  
**MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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