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Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Given the recent release of the report by the EMS foundation entitled *The Breaking Point – Uncovering South Africa's Shameful Live Wildlife Trading with China* and her recent interaction with the EMS Foundation on the contents of the specified report, what (a) steps will she be implementing immediately in order to protect wild animals in the Republic from further commercial exploitation through both legal and illicit trade channels and (b) are the full relevant details of the intended legislative and regulatory reform in the specified areas?

1006. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

(a)

Consistent with the statement released by the Minister on this matter, a process has been initiated to validate and investigate the alleged irregularities, with a view to institute remedial action, should this be necessary.

(b)

This will be determined by the outcome of the investigation.

Regards



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MS B D CREECY, MP

MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

DATE: 12-6-2026