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

- (1) Whether there have been any changes to the High-Level Panel (HLP) appointed to review the policies, legislation and practices of breeding, hunting and trading of elephants, lions, leopards and rhinos; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the changes with regard to individuals on the HLP;
- (2) what (a) is the name of each person who has resigned from the HLP and (b) are the reasons for each resignation?

1098. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

(1)

Yes, there have been changes to the composition of the HLP as a result of three resignations, the details whereof are further elucidated upon in question 2 below;

- (2) what (a) is the name of each person who has resigned from the HLP and (b) are the reasons for each resignation?

- i. The Chairperson of the High Level Panel, Mr Mavuso Msimang, resigned from the Panel citing health reasons for his inability to continue. Ms Pam Yako, who was already an appointed member of the Panel, was subsequently appointed as Chairperson of the Panel.
- ii. Ms Aadila Agjee tendered her resignation, stating "unforeseen circumstances" which would preclude her participation in the panel.
- iii. Ms Karen Trendler also tendered her resignation in May 2020, due to health reasons.

The Department is currently working on replacing the members of the panel that have resigned.

Regards



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