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

(1) What are the relevant details of the (a) monitoring and (b) evaluation that is conducted by the Joint Management Committee (JMC) in terms of section 7.1 of the Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (GLTFCA);

(2) whether she will furnish Mrs H S Winkler with the reports for the past five financial years that the parties submitted to the JMC under section 7.3 of the GLTFCA; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether she will furnish Mrs H S Winkler with the consolidated results of the latest biennial external audit of compliance of the parties with the management plan in terms of section 7.5 of the GLTFCA; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

(1) (a)(b)

The Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (GLTFCA) Cooperative Agreement Joint Management Committee (JMC) has developed a JMC instrument, as per clause 7.1 of the

Agreement, which is a guideline document on protected area monitoring, evaluation and reporting (**Annexure 1**).

This guideline document seeks to provide a uniform approach to monitoring, evaluation and reporting on the management of protected areas within the open system of the Greater Kruger Area, as guided by the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003) (NEM:PAA).

Annual progress reports against annual workplans are developed, presented and discussed during annual general meetings. Biannual independent evaluations are also conducted for all protected areas within the open system.

- (2) Annual progress reports are submitted to the JMC by each representative body against the annual workplan. Such progress reviews are submitted to the JMC for consolidation. Since the signing of the GLTFCA in 2018, two annual progress reports have been produced, in other words, 2021 and 2022 (the 2021 report covers the period between 2018 and 2021). The two annual progress reports are attached (**Annexures 2 and 3**).
- (2) No biennial external audit of compliance of the Parties with the management plan has been done to assess compliance with management plans in accordance with section 7.5 of the GLTFCA Cooperative Agreement due to a lack of funds. Only consolidated results of the latest biennial external Management Effective Tracking Tool (METT) for protected areas review are available and are attached as **Annexure 4**.



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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