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MINISTER

QUESTION NO. 183 FOR ORAL REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A draft reply to **Mr N Singh (IFP)** to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

MS NOSIPHO NGCABA
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(For oral reply)

QUESTION NO. 183 {NO2000E}

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Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

Given the recent broad agreement recently reached by African States in support of securing the future of the iconic African species *pantera leo*, (a) will she be supporting greater measures to protect species *pantera leo* in South Africa and (b) how will such measures address the currently illegal practice of captive bred lion hunting and the lion bone trade in South Africa?

183. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

- (a) The Biodiversity Management Plan for the African lion (*Panthera leo*) in South Africa, published in Government Gazette No. 39468 on 2 December 2015 contains the actions to be implemented to secure the long-term conservation of the African lion in South Africa. These actions developed through a consultative process are supported and will be implemented; and
- (b) The hunting of captive bred lions and the trade in lion bones are not illegal activities in terms of the South African law as it stands currently, if these activities are carried out in compliance with the provisions contained in the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No 10 of 2004), the Threatened or Protected Species Regulations and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) Regulations. Compliance monitoring and enforcement activities relating to captive breeding facilities and trade in lion bones have been enhanced through the execution of a priority project involving the Environmental Management Inspectorate.

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