



## **environmental affairs**

Department:  
Environmental Affairs  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 1571 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to **Ms T Stander (DA)** to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

**MS LIZE MCCOURT  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL (ACTING)**

**DATE:**

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

**MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP  
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**DATE:**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**(For written reply)**

**QUESTION NO. 1571 {NW1783E}**  
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**Ms T Stander (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) With reference to her reply to question 1067 on 8 April 2015, what is her reasoning for not wanting to release these statistics on a weekly basis; and
- (2) has the report on how the Government is performing in the implementation of the Integrated Approach in the fight against rhino poaching been finalised; if not, when does she expect it to be completed; if so, when will it be tabled in the National Assembly?

**1571. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:**

1. It is my view that we should communicate the release of the statistics as and when necessary in accordance with the Department's work areas and schedules. At this stage it is envisaged the statistics will be released simultaneously with the report on anti poaching measures, in order to allow the Department time to focus on the actual implementation of actions aimed at curbing rhino poaching.
2. A report on the implementation of the strategic approach to rhino management was provided to the Portfolio Committee on Environmental Affairs in March 2015, and an updated report will also be provided to the selected committee as soon as the date has been agreed upon.

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