



## **environmental affairs**

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Environmental Affairs  
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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 237 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to **Mrs C N Z Zikalala (IFP)** to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

**MS NOSIPHO NGCABA  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**DATE:**

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

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

**DATE:**

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(For written reply)

QUESTION NO. 237

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**Mrs C N Z Zikalala (IFP) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

With reference to her reply to question 3207 on 3 December 2013, what are the reasons she cannot give the names of the exporters and importers for each lion (*panthera leo*) export consignment to (a) China, (b) Lao People's Democratic Republic and (c) Vietnam in 2011 and 2012, given the fact that she mentioned the exporters and importers in her reply to question 1734 on 23 August 2011?

**237. THE MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:**

The department based the response to question 3207 on 3 December 2013 on the provincial Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna Flora (CITES) Annual Reports submitted by the provincial conservation authorities to the department so as to compile the national CITES Annual Report. The template for reporting does not include the details relating to the importers and exporters.

The department sourced the information to question 1734 on 23 August 2011 from the provincial conservation authorities and subsequent to submitting that response it became evident that some information provided by the provincial conservation authorities was inaccurate. The department cannot verify the details relating to importers and exporters and does not have the copies of permits issued by the provincial conservation authorities to enable it to confirm the accuracy of information relating to importers and exporters.

In the response to question 1734 the department indicated that it does not have the names of the exporters and the recipients (importers) and that the provincial conservation authorities who issued the permits should be contacted if this information is needed.

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