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QUESTION NO.468 FOR ORAL REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A draft reply to Ms B J Dlomo (ANC) to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

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

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**Ms B J Dlomo (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and
Environmental Affairs:**

- (1) How many rhinos have been poached in total since 1 January 2008;
- (2) whether she intends to (a) increase or (b) decrease the number of conservation enforcement personnel, especially in the Kruger National Park, in an attempt to curb rhino poaching; if not, why not, in each case; if so, how will this be facilitated in each case;
- (3) whether there is a budget within (a) the Department of Environmental Affairs or (b) any other government department to increase enforcement personnel to solve this problem; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

Ms B J Dlomo (ANC)

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**468. THE MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
ANSWERS:**

- (1) The number of Rhinos killed since 1 January 2008 totals **1537**
- (2) Yes, approval has been granted for SANParks to boost the Field Ranger component in the Kruger National Park by a further 150 officials. Recruitment will be facilitated through the normal recruiting and selection processes.
- (3) The current MTEF allocation for 2012/13, providing an additional R81m announced by the Minister of Finance recently, is available to meet the requirements brought by the increase in personnel.

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