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MINISTER

QUESTION NO. 834 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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

**MR ALF WILLS
DIRECTOR-GENERAL (ACTING)**

DATE:

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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

DATE:

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(For written reply)

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Ms J Steenkamp (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

- (1) What has been budget allocation to combating rhino poaching for the 2015-16 financial year;
- (2) what are the specific plans on which her department will spend the specified budget;
- (3) how does her department justify an overspending of over R200 million on the fight against rhino poaching in the 2013-14 financial year when there was an increase in rhino poaching incidents in the (a) national and (b) provincial parks during the specified period;
- (4) (a) where and (b) how was the specified money spent? NW982E

834. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

- 1) The budget allocation for the 2015/16 financial year:

2015/16

Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA): Wildlife Unit R11 000 million

South African National Parks (SANParks) R33 870 million

Total **R44 870 million**

- 2) The allocated funds are directed at the Implementation of the National Strategy on the Safety and Security of the Rhinoceros Population of South Africa and the Integrated Management approach that aims to strengthen the existing interventions and introduce new ones in order to combat the illegal trafficking of rhino.
- 3) According to our records, the Departmental 2013/14 Annual Report as well as SANParks Annual Report for the 2013/14 financial year, there is no over expenditure of R200 million reported.

Allocations and spending within DEA for the 2013/14 financial year:

DEA: Wildlife Unit R10 000 million

SANParks R8 000 million

Total **R18 000 million**

- 4) (a) and (b) not applicable

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