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QUESTION NO. 835 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A draft reply to **Mrs M R Shinn (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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Mrs M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

Whether rhino hunting permits are being applied for in different persons names but the (a) trophies and/or (b) horns and/or (c) permits are still going to persons allegedly involved in rhino poaching crimes; if so, (i) what does she intend to do with this information and (ii) what measures has she put in place to prevent this? NW983E

835. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

(a), (b) and (c) No, the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) is not aware that this situation exists. Given the strict verification process and hunt supervision applied (see below), the Department considers this eventuality unlikely. However, if any Member has information to the contrary, it would be appreciated if this information can be provided to the department.

(i) and (ii) The DEA follows a strict process to verify the credentials of each hunter with the importing country. Further, it is also required that each hunt has to be attended by an official of the relevant provincial conservation authority.

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