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QUESTION NO. 836 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:

Has her department conducted an audit on all rhino horn or trophies that were traded locally within the boundaries of South Africa before the moratorium was implemented in 2008 to determine what percentage of those rhino horns or trophies still exist within South Africa's borders; if not, why not; if so; (a) when was the specified audit conducted and (b) what are the relevant details? NW984E

836. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

No. Prior to and at the time of implementing the moratorium in 2008, the Department of Environmental Affairs did not have a component with a mandate to monitor compliance with permits issued by provincial conservation authorities. Such a component has since been established, and the department is currently in the process of conducting a national audit on rhino horns in private possession. Within security constraints, relevant information emanating from this audit will be made available.

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