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QUESTION NO.839 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A draft reply to **Dr M J Cardo (DA)** 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 ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

DATE:

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(For written reply)

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Dr M J Cardo (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

What total amount was paid by her department for the Rhino Issue Management with regard to the (a) processes followed, (b) meetings that were held and (c) reports that were compiled?

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839. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

- (a) The national strategy for the safety and security for South Africa's rhinoceros population is extensive and requires a coordinated mechanism to ensure that all components are addressed. To this end, an approach was taken that ensured that the Department focuses on implementation aspects such as legislative, policy, and regulatory issues while a dedicated Issue Manager was appointed to address the extensive and polarized public outcry from a number of divergent stakeholder platforms on the potential responses to the ongoing scourge. In the past, the department has dealt with a number of emotive and complex issues on key issues such as the elephant culling debate, the ivory stockpile, and the hunting of lions in captivity. The total programme budget for the Rhino Issue Management process was R 9 989 306,
- (b) The rhino issue manager undertook extensive consultation processes with all stakeholder groupings and convened a number of national and subject specific engagements across the country. An amount of R 5 489 306 was spent on meetings that were held.
- (c) The rhino issue manager prepared a number of comprehensive and specialist reports on the basis of the input that was received from a wide range of stakeholders. These reports serve as a foundation for further ongoing assessment of the economic dynamics underpinning the rhino management challenges. An amount of R4 500 000.00 was paid for the reports

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