**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1463/ NW1613E**

**MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES:**

**Ms Z Jongbloed (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:**

**QUESTION:**

(1)     (a) What amount has been paid to protect the marine resources against poachers in Elands Bay in the Cederberg Local Municipality in the Western Cape and (b) to whom was the money paid over;

(2)     whether (a) he and/or (b) his department is in possession of a list of (i) names, (ii) addresses and (iii)  job descriptions of each person involved in the anti-poaching operation(s) in Elands Bay; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?                                                   NW1613E

**REPLY:**

1. No money is being paid to the Cederberg Municipality for the protection of marine resources in Elands Bay. However, the Department has a presence on the West Coast, with Compliance Offices in Saldanha, Elands Bay, Lamberts Bay, Jacobs Baai, St Helena Bay, Ysterfontein, Doringbaai and Port Nolloth. In addition, the Department regularly deploys a Fisheries Patrol Vessel to the West Coast. Joint Operations with other law enforcement agencies are frequently carried out, intensifying during the high seasons.
2. For security and safety reasons, the Department does not disclose the personal details of its personnel.