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**RESPONSES TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS
BY THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REGARDING
GAME DONATION**

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1. INTRODUCTION

- Invite dated 18th October 2016 for the Department to appear before the Committee
- Parliamentary Media Statement – 1st November 2016
- Departmental Apology dated 7th November 2016
- Submission of written responses by the Department – 9th November 2016
- Acknowledgement of the written responses by the Committee – 21st November 2016
- Submission of Presentation – Friday 25th November 2016
- Re-scheduled appearance - 29th November 2016

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2. PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE QUESTIONS

The following 07 written Questions were posed by Portfolio Committee to the Department:-

- 1) Circumstances under which donations were made
- 2) The Policy used & the date the Policy was adopted
- 3) Whether the Department had donated similar high-value species in the past & who were the recipients

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2. PORTFOLIO COM. QUESTIONS (Cont...)

- 4) The details of the species available in the various Parks prior and after the donation
- 5) Whether there was any impact on the viability and the breeding potential of the remaining species
- 6) The capacity, Human resources and land of the individuals and/or company that received animals
- 7) Details of individuals who constitute SARGBA (the company that received donation)

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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES : QUESTION 1

Circumstances under which Donations were made

- Request for Government assistance through donation of wildlife was submitted to the North West Parks & Tourism Board by (SARGBA) on the 06th November 2014.
- Department received the same request, including the presentation of the proposal. **(Annex 1)**

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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES : QUESTION 1

Circumstances under which Donations were made

- **Annex 1 : Content**
 - Sustainable Wildlife Transformation
 - Vision & Mission Statement of SARGBA & Partnerships
 - Founding members of SARGBA & Employees
 - The current Breeding Programme, Game Species
 - Proposed Transformation Structure & Shareholding
 - Number of animals required
 - Start-Up Capital Required
 - Current Value on Assets for SARGBA

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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES : QUESTION 1

Circumstances under which Donations were made

- Upon request by the Department, the North West EXCO granted permission to do due diligence over the proposal.
- On the 03rd March 2015, a due diligence report was compiled by the Department for submission to the NW EXCO (**Annexure 2**)

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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES : QUESTION 1

Circumstances under which Donations were made

- On 25th March 2015, an approval on the SARGBA proposal was granted by EXCO for further development :
 - (1) Costed Business Plan;
 - (2) Approval of Game Donation Policy;
 - (3) Selection of Beneficiaries;
 - (4) Signing of Agreements
 - (5) Monitoring and Reporting of the Project (*Annexure 3*).

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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES : QUESTION 1

Circumstances under which Donations were made

- In implementing the EXCO Resolution dated 25th March 2015, the Department appointed a Steering Committee which was done in writing with clear Terms of Reference (*Annexure 4*)

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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES : QUESTION 1

Circumstances under which Donations were made

- Departmental Budget Vote Speech 2015/16 (**Annex 5**), a pronouncement on new vision was made for NWPB
- Ensure transformation of the Game Industry with the development of Wildlife Management Transformation Policy.
- 01 project was identified through SARGBA in Kgetleng Local Municipality.

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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES : QUESTION 1


Circumstances under which Donations were made

- Costed Business Plan was jointly developed by the South African Rare Game Breeders Association (SARGBA) with the identified interested beneficiaries (**Annexure 6**).
- The same was adopted by both the Department & the NWPB through the Joint Steering Committee operations.

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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES : QUESTION 1


Circumstances under which Donations were made

- On the 07th June 2015, BEE Joint Venture Game Donation Agreement between the North-West Parks Board (NWPB);
- READ and SARGBH commenced and was finally signed-off on the 29th February 2016 in line with Clause No.3 of the Agreement. (**Annexure 7**)

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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES : QUESTION 1


Circumstances under which Donations were made

- On 23rd June 2015, Approval was granted by Chairperson of North-West Parks Board, for donation of available breeding stock in line with an agreement to be signed by SARGBH, READ and North-West Parks Board (**Annexure 8**)

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Private Reg. 4/2009 (Provisional 2010)

DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES : QUESTION 1


Circumstances under which Donations were made

- On 03rd July 2015, the South African Rare Game Breeders Association (SARGBA) signed Partnership & Shareholders Agreement with BEE Partners & Employees Trust to form the South African Rare Game Breeders Holding (SARGBH) (*Annexure 9*)

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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES : QUESTION 1

Circumstances under which Donations were made

- The attached old Game Donation Policy (*Annexure 10*) was used for purposes of the donation, however was subjected to a review process for subsequent cases (*Annexure 11*)

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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES : QUESTION 1

Circumstances under which Donations were made

- Monitoring & Evaluation Plan was developed and approved on 30th March 2016 through Project Steering Committee to monitor 05 Strategic Objectives, namely:
 - Transformation and Empowerment;
 - Financial Sustainability;
 - Breeding Success;
 - Regulatory and Compliance
 - Institutional Governance (**Annexure 12**).

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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES : QUESTION 1

Circumstances under which Donations were made

- On 23rd October 2015, Department made appearance before Provincial Portfolio Committee to respond to questions raised on Game Donation (**Annex 13**).
- Presentation was made in this regard for the Committee to process a report on this matter.

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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES : QUESTION 1

Circumstances under which Donations were made

- Game Donation transaction as it relates to SARGBH was subjected to a regulatory audit by the Auditor-General.
- No findings in terms of the Annual Report 2015/16 for both the North-West Parks Board and the Department.

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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES : QUESTION 2

The Policy used & the date Policy was adopted

- The attached old Game Donation Policy (**Annexure 10**) was used for purposes of the donation, however was subjected to a review process for subsequent cases (**Annexure 11**).

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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES : QUESTION 3

Whether the Department had donated similar high-value species in the past & Who were the recipients

Department has been implementing Game Donation since 1994, amongst others are the following. Detailed list attached hereto for reference (**Annexure 14**):-

- Bakgatla Lebatlane Community Game Reserve – Zebras, Waterbuck, Impalas, Blue Wildebees
- Mojamoja Game Farm, Tosca in Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District – 32 buffaloes for breeding
- SARGBH and 05 Beneficiaries – 262 (Nyala, Sable Rhino and buffaloes)

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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES : QUESTION 4


Details of the Species available in the various Parks prior and after the Donation

- Refer to the attached Report on Wildlife Census prior and after the donation (**Annex 15**)

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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES : QUESTION 5


Whether there was any Impact on the Viability and the Breeding potential of the remaining species

- An Impact Assessment on viability and breeding potential remaining species is attached hereto as Habitat Suitability approximation (**Annexure 16**)

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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES : QUESTION 6

The Capacity, Human Resources and Land of the Individuals and/or Company that received animals

- Presentation by SARGBA attached hereto as (**Annex 2**)

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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES : QUESTION 7
Details of individuals who constitute SARGBA
(the Company that received donation)

- Details of individuals that constitute the SARGBA are:-
 (refer to Presentation by SARGBA under (*Annexure 2*))

NO	NAMES OF MEMBERS OF SARGBA
1)	Mr Mike de Kock
2)	Mr Henry de Kock
3)	Mr Willem Boshoff
4)	Mr Hannes du Toit

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DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES : QUESTION 7
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NO	NAMES OF MEMBERS OF SARGBA (BEE Beneficiaries)
1)	Mr N.E Manyathi
2)	Mr M.B Manamela
3)	Mr R.I Makwela
4)	Mr M.J Wolmarans
5)	Mr M.C Manyeneng
	Employee Trust = 40 Employees

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