

30 November 2021 addo elephant

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Honourable AF Muthambi (MP)

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Chairperson: Portfolio Committee on Environment, Forestry and Fisheries

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Parliament of RSA

bontebok

Cape Town

camdeboo

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garden route

Dear Honourable Muthambi

golden gate highlands

RESPONSE TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS RAISED ON 26 NOVEMBER 2021

groenkloof

As requested at the Portfolio Committee on Environment, Forestry and Fisheries meeting of 26 November 2021, below are SANParks' responses to the questions raised at the meeting:

karoo

1. Progress report on the issue of the CEO

kgalakgadi transfrontier

Questions - " We need to be briefed in regards to the issue of the CEO - what is the progress (we see he has won the case at court and now he is being investigated on something else ...). I feel it is really unfair/seems like a witch hunt in regards to trying to remove him, plus its fruitless and wasteful expenditure ... and the A/CEO needs to be paid for acting".

kruger

mapungubwe

marakele

mokala

mountain zebra

SANParks' disciplinary process against the CEO is independent from the criminal case against him therefore conclusion of the criminal case doesn't affect the internal disciplinary process. The disciplinary process, which is under way, relates to breach of the organisation's policies and procedures. The Board is doing everything in its power to ensure that the disciplinary process is fair and that it is finalised as soon as possible. An Acting CEO has been appointed in line with the provisions of NEMPAA in order to maintain stability within the organisation pending finalisation of the disciplinary process.

namaqua

table mountain

tankwa karoo

west coast

2. Mr G Coleman's Contract

(Hon. Mbatha) Gareth Coleman contract was coming to an end - need to know when will that happen? Has it been renewed and why?

Mr Coleman's initial 2 year contract with SANParks is due to end on 31 March 2022. SANParks decided to extend his contract by a further 3 years mainly because the COVID-19 lockdown had a big impact on his ability to finalise and implement the Kruger National Park turnaround plan, which is one of his main deliverables.

3. Tri-lateral Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (GLTFCA) – structures & functionality

(Chair) The dropping of fences reasons? DFFE should explain on why this decision was made in 1993? Has anybody thought on why not earlier? Who's interests are these fence droppings ... going around skukuza gate/numbi gate/ and others the communities there they are living in abject poverty ... but inside the park there are all these private lodges which our people do not have access to. Does DFFE/SANParks have a copy of the document that lead to 1993 decision of dropping of fences (if yes, please furnish us with this). A report is requested from both DFFE and SANParks as to who is actually benefiting from the dropping of fences.

SANParks detailed response is attached in Annexure A

Yours sincerely



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Chairperson: SANParks Board