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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 1060 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to **Mr T Z Hadebe (DA)** to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

**MS NOSIPHO NGCABA**

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**DATE:**

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

**DR B E E MOLEWA, MP**

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**DATE:**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**(For written reply)**

**QUESTION NO. 1060 {NW1193E}**

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**Mr T Z Hadebe (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

(1) (a) How many bookings were made by (i) private and (ii) government entities for the Nombolo Mdhluli conference centre in Skukuza since its completion in 2011 and (b) what amount has been generated from the bookings thus far;

(2) whether the money generated from such bookings is reflected in the annual statements of the SA National Parks;

(3) (a) what was the cost for construction of the conference centre and (b) were any private contractors used to complete the project?

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**1060. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:**

(1)(a) Since 2011, 613 reservations for a total of 36 299 persons were made.

(b) Since 2011, revenue has been R16, 358 million excluding Vat and the amount indicated is a net profit. The Conference Centre was built as a preparation to test the market for the Skukuza Lodge. It is envisaged that Conference Centre will make significant profits once the construction of the Skukuza Lodge is finalised and the Lodge is open for business. SANParks also anticipates that the Skukuza Lodge will break even in the first year of operation because of the attraction generated by the Nombolo Conference facilities. The plan is to have the two facilities co-existing and complimenting each other.

(2) Yes.

(3) **(a)** The construction cost for the Nombolo Conference Centre was R 27,3 million.

 (**b)** Yes.

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