**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1186 / NW NW1280E E**

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

**Mr P van Dalen (DA) to ask Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:**

**QUESTION:**

Whether any abalone has been stolen from departmental stores in the past three financial years; if so, in each case, (a) on what date did the incident take place, (b) what is the total value of abalone that was stolen, (c) what are the details of government officials who were involved, (d) whether investigations and/or criminal charges have been launched against officials and others who are implicated and (e) what steps have been taken against officials and others who are involved?              **NW1280E**

**REPLY:**

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| **Question** | **Response** | **Notes** |
| Whether any abalone has been stolen from departmental stores in the past three financial years | Yes |  |
| **(a)** On what date did the incident take place | 29 October 2015 and 18 December 2017 |  |
| **(b)** What is the total value of abalone that was stolen | Estimated R1.5m |  |
| **(c)** What are the details of government officials who were involved | No government officials were involved in any of the mentioned incidents |  |
| **(d)** Whether investigations and/or criminal charges have been launched against officials and others who are implicated and | No government officials were involved in any of the mentioned incidentsThe incidents were both reported to authorities |  |
| **(e)** What steps have been taken against officials and others who are involved | No government officials were involved in any of the mentioned incidents |  |