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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 1187 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to **Mr R K Purdon (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. 1187 {NW1281E}**

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**Mr R K Purdon (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

What (a)(i) is the total number of predator breeding facilities in the country and (ii) is the detailed breakdown of the number of the specified facilities registered with the (aa) SA Predators Association and (bb) other associations, (b) are the names of each of the other associations and (c)(i) is the type of each predator and (ii) is the number of each type of predator found at each of the specified facilities?

**1187. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:**

(a) (i) The current estimate is that there are 300 lion breeding facilities in South Africa. This is based on reports provided by the provincial issuing authorities.

(ii) (aa) the lion breeding facilities register with the Provincial Authorities as competent Authorities; hence the data referred to in (a) (i) (the Department, therefore, does not have information on the detailed breakdown of the number of the specified facilities registered with SA Predators Association and other associations. Such information on the registration aspects to respective associations can be sourced from associations themselves;

(bb) As indicated above, information on any other associations is also not available to DEA.

(b) Information on the names of other associations is not available to DEA. However, DEA works, or cooperates, with a number of associations individually or through various forums, depending on issues at hand.

(c) (i) Information on the type of each predator is not available to DEA and are closely connected with and under the control of the Provincial Issuing Authorities

(ii) Information on the number of each type of predator found at each specified facilities is not available to DEA and are closely connected with and under the control of the Provincial Issuing Authorities.

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