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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 1189 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. 1189 {NW1283E}**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO.12 of 2018**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION: 20 April 2018**

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

What is the government’s position on the relationship between captive-bred predators and the survival of wild predator populations in southern Africa? NW1283E

**1189. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:**

The Non-Detriment Finding made by the Scientific Authority of South Africa as published in the Gazette on 23 January 2018 states that the trophy hunting of lion poses no threat to the wild lion population of South Africa and it is thought that captive lions may serve as a buffer to potential threats to wild lions by being the primary source of hunting trophies and derivatives such as lion bones. It must be noted, however, that the captive bred lions and the wild lions are bred in different environments and managed differently. The department is finalising its compliance assessment of breeding facilities as part of what will inform the future position on captive lion breeding in South Africa.

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