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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 1307 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to **Mr Z R Xalisa (EFF)** 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. 1307 {NW1408E}**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 13 of 2018**

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**Mr Z R Xalisa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

(1) What is the (a) total number of protected public areas in the country and (b)(i) name and (ii) size of each protected area; and

(2) whether all of the protected areas are managed (a) by statutory bodies and/or (b) on a lease arrangement with private conservation agencies?

**1307. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:**

(1) (a) There is a total of 1 471 protected areas in South Africa.

(b) A list of all protected areas are kept in the Register of Protected Areas in line with the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003), Section 10, and can be downloaded from <https://egis.environment.gov.za/>. All the information on (i) and (ii) are contained in the file.

(2) (a)(b) Protected areas are managed by either goverment departments, statutury bodies or by a suitable person, organisation or organ of state as assigned by the Minister or Member of Executive Council in terms of Section 38 (1) and (2) of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003).

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