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Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

What (a) total number of parties (i) attended and (ii) participated at the SA National Parks Tourism Conference held on 31 March 2022, (b) are the names and relevant details of the participants in each instance, (c) was the objective of the conference and (d) was achieved at the conference?

1453. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- a)
 - i. A total of 1 260 people attended the SANParks Investment Summit (40 attended physically, while 1 220 attended virtually).
 - ii. See the answer to (a) above.
- b) Owing to the requirements of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013) (POPI), SANParks is unable to share the names and details of the participants. Such information can be viewed at SANParks Head Office in Pretoria at a mutually agreed convenient time.
- c) The objectives of the summit were as follows:
 - Raising awareness of the SANParks Public–Private Partnership (PPP) Programme.

- Educating the private sector about the mechanisms that govern PPP programmes.
- Showcasing available PPP opportunities.
- Enhancing the understanding of the tourism sector as an investment sector.
- Attracting a diversified and transformed private sector partnership base.

The summit was targeted at private equity firms; investment companies; chambers of commerce; small, medium and micro enterprises; community representatives; business leaders; entrepreneurs; financiers and tourism operators.

- d) The summit achieved its objective with the attendance of more than 1 260 participants, which is significantly more than the 250 initially envisaged. The advertising and content of the summit generated overwhelming interest and a number of enquiries and follow-ups have been received from potential investors since the summit.

Regards



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MS B D CREECY, MP
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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