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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 1550 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. 1550 {NW1690E}**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 16 of 2018**

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

What is being done to resolve the increasing trend of donkeys being kept in poor welfare conditions to be slaughtered for their skins or to feed captive lions?

**1550. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:**

The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) does not regulate domestic animals:

* The welfare of both domestic and wild animals is regulated by two Acts of Parliament, namely the Animals Protection Act, 1962 (Act No. 71 of 1962) and the Performing Animals Protection Act, 1935 (Act No. 24 of 1935 as amended).
* Both the above acts fall under the administration of the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF).

Therefore, the welfare issues for domestic and wild animals should be directed to the DAFF as this falls under its mandate.The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) may also have jurisdiction on such matters.

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