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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 1714 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to **Ms N P Sonti (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. 1714 {NW1865E}**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 18 of 2018**

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**Ms N P Sonti (EFF) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

(1) (a) What total amount of land owned by her department and the entities reporting to her in each province is (i) vacant and (ii) unused or has no purpose and (b) what is the (i) location and (ii) size of each specified plot of land;

(2) (a) how much of the land owned by her department and the entities reporting to her has been leased out for private use and (b) what is the (i) Rand value of each lease and (ii)(aa) location and (bb) size of each piece of land?

**1714. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:**

**Department of Environmental Affairs**

1. (a) (i) None

(ii) None

(b) (i) Not Applicable.

(ii) Not Applicable.

(2) (a) None

(i) Nil.

(ii) (aa) Not Applicable.

(bb) Not Applicable.

**South African Weather Service (SAWS)**

1. (a) (i) Nil, SAWS has no vacant land (SAWS owns 59,29 hectares in Gauteng Province).

(ii) None.

(b) (i) Not Applicable.

(ii) Not Applicable.

(2) (a) None.

(i) Nil.

(ii) (aa) Not Applicable.

(bb) Not Applicable.

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1. (a) (i) None.

(ii) None.

(b) (i) Not Applicable.

(ii) Not Applicable.

(2) (a) None.

(i) Nil.

(ii) (aa) Not Applicable.

(bb) Not Applicable.

**South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)**

1. (a) (i) No land owned by SANBI is vacant. All land owned by SANBI is used as national botanical gardens for environmental education, nature-based tourism, conservation, display and research purposes.

(ii) No land owned by SANBI is unused or has no purpose. All land owned by SANBI is used as national botanical gardens for environmental education, nature-based tourism, conservation, display and research purposes.

(b) (i) Not Applicable.

(ii) Not Applicable.

(2) (a) Two (2) 3-year leases with a combined land area of 612 ha.

(b) (i) Lease 1- R134 280 per annum

Lease 2 - R12 480 per annum

(ii) (aa) Both leases are located in the Hantam National Botanical Garden, Nieuwoudtville, Northern Cape.

(bb) Lease 1 - 500 ha

Lease 2 - 112 ha

**South African National Parks (SANParks)**

1. (a) (i) No land owned by SANParks is vacant. All Land is used as National Parks or for Conservation Purposes (3 721 192 hectares owned).

(ii) No land owned by SANParks is unused or has no purpose.

(b) (i) Not Applicable.

(ii) Not Applicable.

(2) (a) 7 146 hectares leased to private entities. These are farms that were purchased as part of the expansion plans of the national parks. They are leased out because they are currently detached from the national park boundaries and will only be incorporated into the national park once the properties that join them to the national park boundary have also been acquired.

(b) (i) Not applicable

(ii) (aa) Not applicable

(bb) Not applicable

| **Park** | **Description of Property: farm, portion** | **District** | **(2) (b) (ii) (bb) Size (Ha)** | **(2) (b) (i) Rand Value** |
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| **Mt Zebra NP** | Farm 387 | Cradock | 857.9595 | R196 992.00 (Vat Incl.) p.a. |
|  | Remainder of Farm 385 | Cradock | 94.2214 | R92 340.00 (Vat Incl.) p.a. |
|  | Portion 6 of Stapelbergskraal 239 | Cradock | 521.9335 |
|  | Remainder of Groot Hoek 267 | Cradock | 1181.5530 | R120 000 (Vat Incl.) p.a. |
|  | Portion 3 of Middelwater 415 | Cradock | 317.2380 |
|  | Portion 4 of Middelwater 415 | Cradock | 1034.4265 |
|  | Portion 1 of the Farm No.413 | Cradock | 325.4822 |
|  | Remainder of the Farm No.413 | Cradock | 312.0060 |
| **Addo Elephant NP** | Remainder of Zuurkloof 17 | Uitenhage | 180.5959 | R35 000 (Vat Incl.) p.a. |
|  | Portion 2 of Farm 52 | Uitenhage | 396.8827 |
|  | Portion 1 of Wortel Kuil 225 | Jansenville | 613.4796 | R35 000 (Vat Incl.) p.a. |
|  | Erf 142; Waterford | Jansenville | 1311.1482 | R35 000 (Vat Incl.) p.a. |

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