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Ms T Breedt (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) With reference to reports in the media regarding speeding and fatal accidents involving animals in the Kruger National Park (KNP), (a) how is speeding controlled within the KNP and (b) what steps have been taken to reduce the incidents of speeding;
- (2) what total number of incidents of speeding were recorded in the Park (a)(i) in the 2020-21 and (ii) 2021-22 reporting years and (b) since 1 April 2022 until February 2023;
- (3) what total number of incidents of speeding involved KNP (a) employees and (b) contractors (aa)(i) in the 2020-21 and (ii) 2021-22 reporting years and (bb) since 1 April 2022 until February 2023?

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

(1) (a)

Speed is controlled using signage, awareness campaigns and by speed-trapping equipment by the Kruger National Park's (KNP) Traffic Officers and Rangers engaging with and warning people seen speeding. The Official South African National Parks (SANParks) vehicles are fitted with devices that limit the speed to a maximum of 65km/h inside the KNP.

(b)

The following measures have been implemented to reduce speeding inside the Park:

- Regular information broadcasts to staff and visitors on the problems of speeding in a national park.
- Roadshows to address incidents of speeding.
- *Ad-hoc* vehicle check points (VCPs) and deployments of Traffic Officers to typical hotspots.
- Awareness campaigns at the main gates to highlight the problem.
- New signage will be installed in collaboration with the Endangered Wildlife Trust. This signage will be erected at identified hotspots.

(2) (a)

(i) In 2020/21 - **612** speeding incidents were recorded.

(ii) In 2021/22 – **737** speeding incidents were recorded.

(b)

From April 2022 to February 2023, **1 843** speeding incidents have been recorded.

(3) (a)

(aa)(i) In 2020/21, no KNP employees were caught speeding or issued fines.

(aa)(ii) In 2021/22 financial year, 14 KNP employees were caught speeding.

(bb) From April 2022 to February 2023, no KNP employees were caught speeding.

(b)

SANParks does not keep records of contractors who have been caught speeding.



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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