

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2388**

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**2388. Mr D W Bryant (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) With reference to the poaching of abalone and crayfish in the Overstrand region of the Western Cape that remains a serious challenge while there appears to be a lack of any significant progress in defeating the syndicates, what (a) quantity of abalone and crayfish has been confiscated in the Overstrand region over the past five years and (b) number of successful convictions have been obtained for crayfish and abalone poaching in the region over the past five financial years;
- (2) whether the confiscated abalone and crayfish poached in the area have been resold; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, to whom was it sold;
- (3) whether he has found that the large poaching syndicates in the area are well known to the local SAPS; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

- (1)(a) 8301 whole crayfish poached.  
15 089 crayfish tails poached.  
441 847 abalone poached.
- (b) 84 convictions for crayfish poaching.  
151 convictions for abalone poaching.
- (2) All confiscated abalone and crayfish are handed over to the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, for immediate storage. After the conclusion of the criminal case, it is sold/auctioned by the said Department.
- (3) Specific groupings have been identified and investigations against them form part of the Prevention of Organised Crime Act 121 of 1998 (POCA).

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**MINISTER OF POLICE  
GENERAL BH CELE, MP**

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