**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**(For written reply)**

**QUESTION NO. 2422 {NW2772E}**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PATER NO. 23 of 2023**

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

1. Whether , with reference to the withdrawal of the Regulations pertaining to Threatened and/or Protected Terrestrial and Freshwater Species (TOPS and its associated species list, as well as the Revised National Norms and Standards for the Management of Elephants in South Africa (Elephant Norms and Standards) on 31 March 2023, in response to a requeste for an urgent interdict on the basis that her legal advisers requires more time to study the objections of Wildlife Ranching South Africa and Professional Hunters Association of South Africa (the applicants) to the TOPS Regulations and the Elephant Norms and Standards, her egal advisors have now completed their study of the applicants’ objections; if not , why not; if so, what are the results of the specified study:
2. Given the scenario implications of the withdrawal of the TOPS Regulations and Elephant Norms and Standards, including uncertainty and potential loss of income for the wildlife farming and hunting sectors, what are the relevant details concerning (a) how and (b) by what date she intends to reintroduce the relevant regulations?

**Find reply** [**here**](https://static.pmg.org.za/RNW2422-2023-06-23.pdf)