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**(For written reply)**

**QUESTION NO. 2592 {NW2975E}**  
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**Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

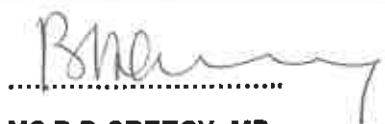
Whether she will furnish Mr N Singh with the number of (a) repeat-offenders, (b) suspects and/or (c) arrested persons who have been re-arrested on any known rhino poaching and/or related charges since 2006, including charges of conspiracy to poach rhinos, being in possession of poaching-related weapons and/or other charges; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

**2592. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

(a) (b) (c)

The information requested cannot be furnished by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment. The docket related to rhino poaching and rhino trafficking incidents are mainly carried out by investigating officers from the South African Police Service (SAPS), either the Stock Theft and Endangered Species Unit or the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigations (DPCI).

Furthermore, the SAPS is the custodian of this information which is captured in the Case Administration System (CAS)/Investigation Case Docket Management System. The Honourable Member should therefore approach SAPS for information requested.



**MS B D CREECY, MP**  
**MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

DATE: 8/9/2023