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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2891**

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**2891. Mr L Ramatlakane (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Whether his department is planning to buy a fleet of vehicles which is appropriate and high-powered for the ever-fast and changing nature of syndicates and/or criminals that target rhinos in the Kruger National Park; if not, why not; if so, (a) when is the specified fleet going to be delivered, (b) will such delivery meet the planned requirements and (c) what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

(a & b) With regard to the **DPCI**, Provincial and Component Heads are afforded the opportunity to make a choice as to procure a vehicle that will be most suitable for the specific environment including for declared priorities. DPCI has procured high end, high performance vehicles which will suit the specific high priority investigations.

The Division **Detective Service**, specifically the Stock Theft and Endangered Species unit, are the custodians of investigations on level one to three and it is necessary to have a suitable fleet and not necessarily a high powered fleet. It is important to be able to reach poaching scenes to start a proper investigation. The fleet of vehicles utilized currently fulfils the needs as it was identified with the input of all role-players. A fleet of the suitable vehicles have been delivered and is already being utilized in the Kruger National Park. The needs are monitored throughout and if the fleet needs to be increased it will be done. The current fleet does meet the planned requirements.

1. With regard to the **DPCI,** the following vehicles have been allocated to the Organised Crime environment, specifically Endangered Species.

|  | **ENDANGERD SPECIES** |
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| **NO** | **SAP NO** | **REG NO** | **ENGINE NO** | **VEHICLE TYPE** |
| 1 | BRR100B | YCC645 GP | AFX086006 | VW CITI SPORTS  |
| 2 | BSG263B | BF21SXGP | F9QP872C072674 | RENAULT MEGANE 1.9 TDI |
| 3 | BSZ916B | CL23PLGP | KA24965533Z | NISSAN HARDBODY |
| 4 | BSF705B | BF21KPGP | F18D4116335KA | CHEVROLET CRUZE |
| 5 | BNT295B | RSK295GP | VG33707785X | NISSAN HARDBODY 3.3I |

With regard to **Detective Service**, the relevant details are as follows:

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| **VEHICLES** |
| DK 54 RF GP | BTK 230 B | Nissan Hardbody d/cab |
| DL 95 CW GP | BTM 820 B | Toyota Landcruiser d/cab |
| DN 89 ZN GP | BTN 757 B | Toyota Landcruiser d/cab |
| DN 90 DN GP | BTN 752 B | Toyota Landcruiser d/cab |
| DGS 395 L | BTN 891 B | Toyota Landcruiser d/cab |
| Registering on 2015-07-31 | BTM 928 B | Toyota Hilux d/cab 4x4  |
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| **ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES** |
| DGP 452 L | BTN 053 B  | Linhai |
| FCP 239 EC  | BRB 591 B | Yamaha Rhino |
| BRD 592 B | BRD 592 B | Yamaha Rhino |