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Mr A G Whitfield (DA) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries:**

What was the total number of live (a) black rhino and (b) white rhino in the Republic on (i) 31 December 2015, (ii) 31 December 2016, (iii) 31 December 2017, (iv) 31 December 2018 and (v) 31 December 2019?  
  
**37. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES REPLIES:**  
  
Rhino numbers are informed by a variety of sources. Specific complementary reports are the following:  
  
• Red List of Mammals of South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland for both white and black rhino;

• the Non Detriment findings for both white and black rhino;

• a report from the IUCN Species Survival Commission (IUCN SSC) African and Asian Rhino Specialist Groups; and

• TRAFFIC to the CITES Secretariat pursuant to Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP17)

**MS B D CREECY, MP  
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES  
Date:** 27/02/2020