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Mr C Brink (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) What structures, buildings and memorials were erected and/or constructed in the Kruger National Park in the past 12 months;
- (2) what processes were followed by her department (a) on its own and (b) in conjunction with other departments to consult stakeholders, including local traditional leaders, prior to the erection of the aforementioned structures, buildings and memorials;
- (3) whether objections were received in respect of any of the specified structures, buildings and memorials; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, how were the objections responded to?

3807. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- (1) The following infrastructure projects were completed in Kruger National Park in the past 12 months:
 - A total of 191 staff houses were upgraded and built throughout the Park;
 - The old gym in Skukuza was also converted and upgraded into eight (8) two-bedroom units and two (2) one-bedroom flats;
 - Eight luxury tents at Lower Sabie were upgraded and one (1) luxury tent at Punda Maria was constructed;

- Eleven en-suite tents at Bushman and Olifants trails camps were completed as well as a bird hide at Lower Sabie area;
- Two bungalows were upgraded at Crocodile Bridge and one family cottage was built at Pretoriuskop rest camp; and
- Wooden decks at the Imbali Concession were also refurbished.

(2) (a) All applications for new developments are screened in terms of the relevant applicable legislation such as the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA): Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations to determine the licences and permits required. Should an Environmental Authorisation be obtained then an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner is appointed to undertake the process.

(b) Public Participation is also conducted as part of the application process to obtain inputs from all relevant stakeholders including neighbours, government departments and local authorities. Should no authorisation be required (specifically for minor developments) then an environmental management plan (in accordance with the relevant Park Management Plan and processes) is developed to ensure compliance and best environmental practice.

(3) No objections have been received for any developments within the past 12 months.


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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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