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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 557 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to **Mr R K Purdon (DA)** to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

**MS NOSIPHO NGCABA**

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**DATE:**

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

**DR B E E MOLEWA, MP**

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**DATE:**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**(For written reply)**

**QUESTION NO. 557 {NW615E}**

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**Mr R K Purdon (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

Are any private security companies employed by (a) her Department or (b) the South African National Parks (SANParks) for anti-poaching purposes; if not, why not; if so, (i) which companies are employed and (ii) where are the specified companies employed?

**557. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:**

(a) No private security company is employed by the Department of Environmental Affairs for anti-poaching purposes.

(b) (i) and (ii) Within SANParks, no private company is employed for anti-poaching purposes. The internal capability that was established over the past few years, complemented by the support from the government security agencies, is sufficient to provide the specialist nature of operations in the mission area. It also ensures the command and control required to conduct such operations.

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