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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 753 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to **Mr B R Topham (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. 753 {NW812E}**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 11 of 2017**

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**Mr B R Topham (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

How many rhino horns were removed from carcasses of rhinos which were victims of drought or other natural causes of death in the Kruger National Park in (a) 2015 and (b) 2016?

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

(a) In 2015, 181 horns were removed from carcasses of rhinos which were victims of drought or other natural causes.

(b) In 2016, 205 horns were removed from carcasses of rhinos which were victims of drought or other natural causes.

It should be noted that not all rhino horns from carcasses of rhinos which died of natural causes are recovered because horns are in some instance removed by vultures, hyenas and other scavengers.

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