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#### **Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

Whether the 2 000 rhinos from Mr John Hume's farm that will be rewilded over the next 10 years will be dehorned; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what will happen to the rhino stockpile?

#### **3029. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

Following the public pronouncement made by African Parks, on 4 September 2023, that they will be buying the Platinum Rhino farm with all its rhinos, the department's understanding is that this is a private transaction and arrangement between two private entities. It should be noted that, currently, government has not been invited or approached to either participate in terms of the private deal. At this stage, government's involvement is only limited to legislative application and enforcement. The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment response to the questions raised is limited, as details on the roll-out of the private deal are not available nor communicated to the State.

The Rhinos referred to in this question are privately owned; it is, therefore, the prerogative of the owners to decide what happens next. At this stage, it is premature to indicate which processes are going to be followed and implemented by the African Parks.



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**MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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