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Mr D W Bryant (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

1) With reference to the widespread concern regarding alleged collaboration between poaching syndicates and staff at wildlife parks in the Republic, what is the total number of staff members currently employed by the SA National Parks (SANParks) who are currently subject to (a) internal disciplinary action and (b) criminal charges relating to any involvement with poaching of animals and plants;

(2) what (a) total number of internal disciplinary proceedings relating to involvement in poaching have been completed since 1 January 2019 and the latest specified date for which information is available, (b) were the results of the internal disciplinary proceedings and (c) successful criminal prosecutions were obtained relating to involvement in poaching that have been of SANParks staff between 2019 to date?

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

1. (a) There are currently no pending disciplinary cases related to poaching at South African National Parks (SANParks).

- (b) From January 2019 to date, 18 employees have been criminally charged for their involvement in poaching animals and plants.
2. (a) Since 1 January 2019, 18 employees have undergone disciplinary action due to their involvement in poaching. All 18 employees were dismissed.
- (b) From January 2019 to date, 18 employees have been dismissed for their involvement in poaching.
- (c) There have been three successful criminal prosecutions for SANParks staff since January 2019. The remainder of the cases have not yet been finalised.



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT
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