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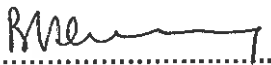
Ms A M M Weber (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) What is the intention of removing the status of un-proclaiming the parcel of land Portion 90 of the Farm Groenkloof Erf no 358, Registration Division JR, in extent a total of 6,8116 hectares S.G, Diagram 222/77, as a part of the Groenkloof National Park T37351/1978;
- (2) what are the details and/or clarity on the re-development of the specified space with details of the site development plan;
- (3) whether she and/or her department will be able to guarantee that once unproclaimed, the valuable land will not be sold to the highest bidder, to develop high rise and/or stacked buildings; if not, why not; if so, who will be responsible for:
 - (a) the land once un-proclaimed; and
 - (b) taking care of the animals and biodiversity once the land is un-proclaimed;
- (4) whether the civil air augmentation and SA Air Force have been involved in the project, due to the proximity and flight path of the Waterkloof Air Force Base; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (5) whether, with regard to the park being used by all the communities, there is a possibility that persons will continue to have access to the park once unproclaimed; if not, why not; if so, how will she and/or her team ensure that the land will not fall prey to land grabbers?

3975. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- (1) The property does not fulfil the requirements for a national park status as required by Sec 20(2) (a) (i) (ii), (b), (c) and (d) of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003, (Act No. 57 of 2003) (NEM:PAA).
- (2) There are no intentions of re-development as the property is the South African National Park (SANParks) head office.
- (3) The intention is not to sell or develop the area as it is housing the head office of SANParks.
- (a) The property will remain under SANParks management as it is their head office and will continue to function as their official office space.
- (b) The property is only occupied by buildings consisting of offices.
- (4) No, the Civil Air augmentation and SA Air Force are not involved as the property is not within the proximity of the Waterkloof Air Force Base.
- (5) The property is the head office of SANParks and only staff members and clients have access to the property. Access will not be affected through the withdrawal of national park status.



**MS B D CREECY, MP
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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