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

- (1) With reference to her reply to question 670 on 18 March 2022, what (a) number of posts in ranger services have since been filled and (b) are the specific posts that have been filled;
- (2) whether a deadline has been given for the filling of the posts; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what is the date and time of the deadline;
- (3) whether her department has made provision for funding the outstanding posts; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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

1. (a) To date, five (5) positions have been filled.

Interviews have been conducted for nine (9) ranger positions and appointments for all nine (9) positions are being finalised.

SANParks is awaiting outcomes of the Recognition of Prior Learning process for six (6) other Ranger positions.

- (b) Specific filled positions include the following, namely 1 Field Ranger Sergeant; 3 Field Ranger Corporals and 1 Field Ranger Lance Corporal.
- 2. Owing to the Recognition of Prior Learning process, the deadline to fill all the prioritised positions within the ranger services is 30 June 2023.
- Positions are budgeted for and filled when funds become available. Provision is made in the 2023/24 budget for prioritised positions across the entire organisation, not only for Ranger positions.

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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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