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**QUESTION 3630**

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**3630. Ms J Edwards (DA) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

1. How many farms have been transferred to local communities in and around Alldays, Limpopo, for purposes of land reform;
2. what support is his department providing to the specified communities to ensure their success;
3. has his department been made aware of the practice of driven hunting taking place on some of these farms; if so, what are the relevant details;
4. is it his department’s position to allow the practice of driven hunting to take place on these farms; if not, what steps is his department taking to end this practice;

(5) (a) what steps is his department taking to mentor and guide the specified communities with regard to successful game farm ranching and (b) how many of the specified farms (i) were and (ii) are operated as game farms? **NW4298E**

**THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND REFORM:**

1. 35: 10 farms in terms of the Redistribution Programme and 25 farms in terms of the Restitution Programme.
2. The Department of Rural Development and Land Reform provides a range of support to emerging farmers through its Recapitalization and Development Programme (RADP); support includes infrastructure development, production inputs, machinery and equipment.
3. No.
4. No. Hunting does not fall within the scope of the Department’s portfolio. Information regarding such practices should however be directed to the relevant province or authority.
5. (a) Training and mentoring of communities with regard to game farm ranching is referred to the Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism Department ( LEDET ) since it is their area of specialty.
6. (i) 28 farms : 25 Restitution and 3 Redistribution.

(ii) 25 farms restored in terms of the Restitution Programme were purchased as game farms and are still used as game farms. The remaining 10 farms are currently operated as livestock farms.