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**QUESTION 1013**

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**1013. Mrs A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Whether she received comments against some of the proposed animals that will be included under section 1(2) of the Meat Safety Act, Act 40 of 2000; if so, (a) what number of comments were received, (b) what number of comments were against the inclusion of some of these animals and (c) by what date will the final list be available? **NW1302E**

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

Yes.

1. The Department has to date received almost 30 000 comments on the draft amendment to schedule 1 of the Meat Safety Act, 2000 (Act No. 40 of 2000).
2. The analysis of the comments has not begun as the deadline for the comments was extended from the 30th April 2020 to the 30th June 2020 due to interruptions in communications and ability of citizens to respond due the COVID-19 lockdown.
3. The final list will be compiled with effect from 01 July 2020 and after having looked at the comments made and consulted with relevant stakeholders.