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**1141. Mr K P Robertson (DA) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

(a) With reference to the budget allocation, and projection as reflected in the annual performance plan which was discussed in the meeting of the Portfolio Committee on Rural Development and Land Reform on 3 May 2017, why is the intake of Mpumalanga National Rural Youth Service Corps students and budget significantly lower than the rest of the other provinces, (b) why has the budget allocation been reduced, (c) what percentage of the budget is allocated to skills development and (d) what is the monetary value of that budget percentage? **NW1281E**

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

1. The Mpumalanga Province did not recruit youth into National Rural Youth Service Corps Programme (NARYSEC) during the 2012 financial year. As a result the number of youth currently in the NARYSEC Programme in Mpumalanga Province is lower than other provinces. During the 2017/18 financial year the province will recruit about 300 youth.

The budget is allocated based on the number of participants/students currently in the programme, number of participants/students to be recruited during the financial year and amounts to be paid for training. The budget allocated to Mpumalanga Province was calculated on the same principles.

1. The budget allocation for Mpumalanga Province has not been reduced but increased by 27.8% in the current financial year from R25.196 m to R32.169 m.

1. Skills development is allocated 29.9% of the budget.
2. The monetary value is R9.62 m.