**RESPONSE TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION 1143/NW2303E**

The Agricultural Research Council is a statutory body established in terms of the *Agricultural Research Act, 1990 (Act no.86 of 1990)* (the ARC Act) and is listed as a Schedule 3, Part A Public Entity in terms of the *Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act no.1 of 1999)* (the PFMA).

**1143.   MR N P MASIPA (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT:**

1. What (a) is the total number of agricultural research farms in each province, (b) is the size of each research farm, (c) activities take place on each farm, (d) are the current conditions of each farm, (e) is the breakdown of the annual budget of each farm, (f) were the most recent research (i) activities conducted and (ii) outcomes from each farm;
2. Whether any of the specified farms are being leased; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what is the (a) name of each person and/or institution that leases the farm and (b) amount paid for each farm that is leased?

The response to the Parliamentary Question 1143/NW2303E is postulated as per the 3 tables.

In the event that your office requires any further information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

**Table 1: REPLY:** (1)(a), (b), (c), (d) supporting documents attached

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| **Province** | **Number of farms** | **Size** | **Activities** | **Current conditions**  |
| Gauteng | 3 | 7826ha | Vegetables research, animal breeding and animal production  | Good  |
| Mpumalanga | 1 | 66ha | Cattle farming | Good |
| Western Cape  | 9 | Between 243,8 and 227,917ha | Research on fruit and vine | Fair  |
| Eastern Cape | 3 | 657,65ha | Cattle farming, agricultural training and SAPS stock theft training | Poor  |
| Mpumalanga | 1 | 66ha | Cattle farming | Good |
| Free State | 2 | 1039.5ha | Plant breeding, National cultivar evaluation and plant diseases | Good |
| North West  | 2 | 594,92ha | Maize trials and Research | Fair  |
| Limpopo  | 3 | 5591haha | Vegetables production, research, commercial farming and grazing | Good |

**Table 2: REPLY:** (1)continues(i), (ii), supporting documents attached

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| **Province** | **Activities** | **Outcome from each farm** |
| Gauteng | Vegetables research, animal breeding and animal production | -Animal breeding -Maize seeds production-Training of farmers-Cash revenue on social events |
| Mpumalanga | Cattle farming | Generating external revenue |
| Western Cape  | Research on fruit and vine | Fair  |
| Eastern Cape | Cattle farming, agricultural training and SAPS stock theft unit | -The farm is in a bad state due to underutilization.-Farming-Training |
| Mpumalanga | Cattle farming | Generating external revenue |
| Free State | Wheat commercial | R800 000 |
| North West  | Maize trials and research | -Research -Maize harvest  |
| Limpopo  | Vegetables production, research, commercial farming and grazing  | Good |

**Table 3: REPLY:** (2)(a), (b), supporting documents attached

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| **Province** | **Person or individuals that lease the farm** | **Amount paid for farm leased**  |
| Gauteng | United SeedsNaka breeders | R220 000 p/a |
| Mpumalanga | AA HUNN | R4716 p/m |
| Western Cape  | None | N/A |
| Eastern Cape | -SAPS-Chumani Water Solutions-Asante Management Services | -SAPS R21059-Chumani R12160-Asante R26827 |
| Mpumalanga | Cattle farming | R4716 p/m |
| Free State | None | N/A |
| North West  | Agricol  | R5617 p/m |
| Limpopo  | Oppierandjie | R35727 p/m |