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**1207. Mr M K Montwedi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Whether her department intends to train farmers to do artificial insemination on both small and large stock so as to improve the genetics of their livestock; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW1444E**

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

The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) facilitates skills transfer and capacity building on animal improvement through implementation of the Animal Improvement Act, 1998, (Act N0. 62 of 1998), by collaborating with tertiary institutions that offer agricultural science and State-Owned Entities such as the Agricultural Research Council Animal Production Institute to train students, farmers and farm workers to do artificial insemination.

Farmers may approach the Office of the Registrar for the Animal Improvement Act ie Mr Joel Mamabolo on 012 319 7597/7424; email JoelM@dalrrrd.gov.za