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**QUESTION 1267**

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**1267. Ms A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

1. (a) What was the budget allocated to the development of the Agri-park project in Springbokpan since its inception, (b) what amount of the specified budget was utilised as at 16 May 2017, (c) what specific items was the allocated budget spent on and (d) what amount of the allocated budget was spent on (i) infrastructural implements and (ii) productive capacity;

(2) (a) how many hectares were planted in the specified project, (b) who are the officials responsible, (c) under which programme was each hectare planted, (d) what is the cost for each hectare planted and (e) what types of crops were planted in each case? **NW1408E**

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

(1) (a) R120.7 million.

 (b) During the 2015/2016 and 2016/17 FY the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (DRDLR) spent R93.5 million.

 (c) The budget was spent on, production inputs (seeds, fertiliser, chemicals and fuel), Mechanisation inclusive of (tractors, planters, disk harrows, cultivators, boom sprayers) and a harvester, planting support and the physical infrastructure development at Springbokpan Agrihub site.

 (d) (i) R 35,4 million was spent on infrastructure implements (Mechanisation and a Harvester) in the 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years.

 (ii) R 46, 6 million was spent on production capacity over the 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years.

(2) (a) In 2015/16 financial year 5450 ha was planted and in the 2016/17 financial 3050 ha was planted.

 (b) Officials from the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform worked with officials from North West Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

 (c) Rural Enterprise and Industrial Development (REID) programme.

 (d) In the 2015/16 FY the cost per hectare was R 6 128.00, in the 2016/17 FY the cost per hectare was R4 332.00.

 (e) The main crops planted were sunflower and maize.