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**MEMORANDUM**

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**MINISTER**

Attached please find the response to Question 1339 for your consideration and approval, should you agree with the contents. The response was prepared by the branch Agricultural Production, Biosecurity and Natural Resources Management.

**MR D SERAGE**

**ACTING DDG: AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, BIOSECURITY AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

**DATE:**

Response to Question 1339 National Assembly Written Reply supported/ not supported/ with amendments

**MR R.M RAMASODI**

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL: AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE:**

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Response to Question 1339 National Assembly Written reply supported/ not supported/ with amendments

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**DEPUTY MINISTER: AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE:**

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**MRS R.N CAPA (MP)**

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**DATE:**

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

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**QUESTION 1339**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER [No 13-2023 SIXTH PARLIAMENT]
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**1339. Mr N P Masipa (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

What measures has the Government put in place to minimise the introduction of invasive animal species within the agricultural food chain, which is part of the risks to animal biosecurity safety and threatens the health of domestic animals, wildlife, and humans? **NW1541E**

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

The control of invasive animal species primarily resides under the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment. The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development will only get involved if such animals pose an animal health risk. The Meat Safety Act, 2000 (Act No. 40 of 2000) only applies to animals listed under schedule 1 of the Act, and therefore animals that are not listed under the schedule, including invasive animal species, are not covered under the laws administered by DALRRD, and therefore the meat thereof cannot enter the commercial food chain.