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**QUESTION 1365**

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**1365. Mr M L W Filtane (UDM) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

1. Whether, with regard to the allocation of the Malangskraal farm in Bedford in the Nxuba Municipality in the Eastern Cape to the deserving beneficiaries, he is aware of the challenges regarding some members of the National Rural Youth Service Corps programme that are allegedly affecting the conclusion of the specified allocation processes; if so, what (a) steps have been taken to resolve the challenges, (b) progress has been made thus far and (c) time frame has been attached to the specified steps;

(2) whether he will lodge an investigation into the allocation process of the Malangskraal farm to the deserving beneficiaries in order to confirm the authenticity of the alleged challenges and find a solution thereto; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW1513E**

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

1. Yes.

(a),(b),(c) The Department visited the Bedford area to assess the situation and it was resolved that the Office of the Surveyor General would visit the farm with the allocated beneficiaries to identify the allocated portions. The surveyor visited the farm on the 8-10 June 2016.

1. No. The allocation to NARYSEC beneficiaries was processed through the relevant approval committees and they were confirmed as deserving beneficiaries based on their training in agricultural activities amongst other things.