**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1371 / NW1519E**

**MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES:**

**MS A STEYN (DA) ASKED TO THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**

**QUESTION:**

1. Whether any further requests for drought relief assistance were received from provinces since his reply to question 3982 on 25 November 2015; if so, (a) which provinces requested the specified assistance, (b) on what dates and (c) what amount has been requested by each specified province;
2. whether any additional drought relief assistance funding has been made available to (a) (i) the North West, (ii) the Free State, (iii) Mpumalanga, (iv) Limpopo and/or (v) KwaZulu-Natal and/or (b) any additional provinces since his reply to the specified question; if not, why not; if so, (aa) what amounts of additional drought relief assistance funding was made available in each case and (bb) on what dates;
3. what is the detailed breakdown of the expenditure of R226 million that was prioritised by his department to assist small-scale and subsistence farmers;
4. whether any further funding to assist small-scale and subsistence farmers with fodder and livestock water has been made available since his reply to the specified question; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

**REPLY:**

**(1)** Yes; all affected provinces have submitted requests for funding to the department. DAFF has submitted the requests to the National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) for further processing to the National Treasury. The requests have been received from all provinces. **Refer to the table below:**

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| **PROVINCE** | **PROVINCIAL FUNDING REQUESTS** | **REQUEST FOR FUNDING DATES** |
| Free State | R 102 500 000.00 | September 2015 |
| Kwa -Zulu Natal | R 142 000 000.00 | April 2015 |
| Limpopo | R 105 000 000.00 | September 2015 |
| Mpumalanga | R 71 000 000.00 | July 2015 |
| North West | R 3 400 000 000.00 | August 2015 |
| Northern Cape | R 163 000 000.00 | April 2016 |
| Gauteng | R 140 000 000.00 | December 2015 |
| Eastern Cape | R 239 100 000.00 | December 2015 |
| Western Cape | R 88 000 000.00 | March 2016 |
| **Total** | **4 450 600 000.00** |  |

**(2)** No; these request are still being processed by the National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC).

**(3)** The breakdown of expenditure for the reprioritised R226 million is tabulated hereunder.

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| **PROVINCE** | **Total reprioritized CASP** | **CASP Updated adjustment** | **CASP Expenditure** |
| Free State | R30 663 000.00 | R29 000 000.00 | R29 000 000.00 |
| Gauteng | R15 186 000.00 | R 12 846 000.00 | R 12 800 000.00 |
| KwaZulu Natal | R22 489 000.00 | R 45 000 000.00 | R 45 000 000.00 |
| Limpopo | R28 391000.00 | R 51 000 000.00 | R 51 000 000.00 |
| Mpumalanga | R25 610 000.00 | R 33 622 000.00 | R 33 600 000.00 |
| Northern Cape | R24 748 000.00 | R 14 600 000.00 | R 14 600 000.00 |
| North West | R37 982 000.00 | R 25 000 000.00 | R 23 800 000.00 |
| Western Cape | R12 390 000.00 | R 6 000 000.00 | R 00.00 |
| Eastern Cape | R29 476 000.00 | R 40 600 000.00 | R 40 600 000.00 |
| Total | **R226 935 000.00** | **R257 668 000.00** | **R250 400 000.00** |
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**(4)** There was no further funding requested except in the 2015/16 financial year whereby DAFF and the PDAs made available a total of R257 million through CASP and Illima/ letsema Programmes for emergency drought relief and the R124 million from provincial Equitable Share an additional amount of R63 million was further allocated by the provinces such as Eastern Cape; Kwa Zulu Natal; Limpopo and Free State from their equitable share.