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**QUESTION 1406**

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**1406. Ms N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

Whether (a) his department and (b) all entities reporting to him are running development programmes for (i) small businesses and (ii) co-operatives; if not, why not; if so, in each case, (aa) what are the relevant details, (bb) what amount has been budgeted and (cc) how many jobs will be created through the specified development programmes in the 2016-17 financial year? **NW1554E**

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

**Department of Rural Development and Land Reform**

(a)(i),(ii) Yes.

1. Not applicable.

(aa) Enterprises (small businesses and cooperatives) are supported with training and capacity building programmes for leadership, governance and business management. Agricultural enterprises and non agricultural enterprises are supported in terms of business plans developed. Support is provided for various activities business planning, feasibility studies, agro-processing, production, market access, arts and crafts, textile industry support, brick making and other financial and non financial assistance.

(bb) R390 million has been budgeted.

(cc) It is envisaged that 2540 jobs will be created.

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(b)(i) No.

(b)(ii) Yes

(aa) To provide support to beneficiary communities to improve food security by crop production – under the Rural Development programme of the Trust.

(bb) R 9m for 2016/2017.

(cc) Community members are utilised on an **adhoc** basis for the construction of certain infrastructure and operations of the projects.