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**QUESTION 1414**

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**1414. Mr H C C Krüger (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

1. With reference to the Presidential Stimulus Vouchers for small-scale farmers that should range between R1000 and R12 000, what are the reasons that certain beneficiaries are receiving less than the R 1000 minimum prescribed voucher amount.
2. how has she found will the R7 that has been allocated to a certain beneficiary in Mpumalanga assist in transforming the specified small-scale farmer into a self-sustainable farmer? **NW1500E**

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

1. The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) allocates Presidential Employment Stimulus (PES) vouchers according to the verified commodity including size of operation. All vouchers that were issued were from R1000.00 as the prescribed minimum amount, no beneficiary received less than the minimum amount. Voucher amounts that appear to be below the prescribed minimum amount are re-issue vouchers after initial redemption was done (balance of the farmers’ allocated awards). The process allowed farmers to partially redeem their vouchers up to five times to use up the allocated amount.
2. No farmer was allocated R7.00 voucher.