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**QUESTION 1509**

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**1509. Mr N P Masipa (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

1. What active monitoring systems has her department put in place to ensure full compliance with animal biosecurity measures across the Republic;
2. what remedial action does her department pursue to ensure full compliance for areas that constantly fail to comply with biosecurity measures that are in place;

(3) whether her department has identified any current active hotspot areas for animal biosafety intervention; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW1752E**

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

1. Active surveillance of high impact animal diseases is taking place and the general farming community is advised to observe and report all conditions to the nearest State Veterinarian.
2. Most of the time a farm that experiences outbreaks of animal disease is quarantined. The farmers are advised to establish their own biosecurity protocols and to observe those principles. The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development establishes guidelines in terms of Veterinary Procedural Notices (VPN) to guide all in sundry on the necessary approaches.
3. Yes. Areas around the Kruger National Park are hotspots for animal diseases. The other area of concern is Hluhluwe Umfolozi Game Reserve and other game parks.