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**QUESTION 1541**

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**1541. Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

With reference to Schedule 1 of the Meat Safety Act, Act 40 of 2000, in which it is stated that the schedule includes animals that may be listed as threatened species in accordance with conservation provisions and therefore their slaughter for human and animal consumption must be in line with the relevant conservation provisions, (a) what conservation provisions are being referred to and (b) how do the specified conservation provisions interact with Schedule 1 of the specified Act? **NW1784E**

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

1. The conservation provisions refer to any applicable legislation dealing with the conservation of animals. These could be under the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and the Environment, or even provincial government.
2. The inclusion of this provision serves to ensure that animals that are slaughtered under the Meat Safety Act, No 40 of 2000 must be slaughtered in compliance with provisions of any other applicable legislation in the Republic of South Africa.