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**QUESTION 1582**

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**1582. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Which urgent steps of intervention have been taken since the avian flu outbreak, which was detected in the Western Cape two weeks ago? **NW1834E**

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

The Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza protocol is being applied. The farm is placed under quarantine, no eggs and birds can leave the farm. Birds on infected properties have been destroyed. Cleaning and disinfection are being applied. The outbreak has been reported as per normal protocol to the World Organisation for Animal Health and trade partners.