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**QUESTION 1599**

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**1599. Ms T M Mbabama (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

1. What number of land reform farms are leased to beneficiaries in the North West;
2. what (a) is the total number of state-owned farms that do not have a lease agreement currently in place and (b) are the reasons that there is no lease agreement in place;

(3) what (a) is the total income received by the State for the lease on each land and (b) are the details of the bank account where the money for the leases must be paid?  **NW2955E**

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

(1) 467.

(2)(a) 251.

(2)(b)

* Some previously allocated farms are in the process of being reallocated to lessees.
* Some leases are currently being taken through administrative lease approval processes.
* Some farms are in the process of being transferred to farmers and farm dwellers.
* There are instances where the beneficiaries are still sorting out issues relating to the legal entity that must contract with Government.
* Some farms are no longer leasable since they are occupied by communities.
* There are instances of illegal invasion, which impacts on orderly allocation processes.
* There have been changes in the leasing policy in the past three years, which impacted on the conclusion of leases.

(3) (a) R995 614.00 (April – November 2019).

3(b)

* Agricultural Land Holding Account: ABSA Bank Account No.: 407 449 8283
* Department of Rural Development and Land Reform Account: ABSA Bank Account No.: 405 400 6793