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**QUESTION 1601**

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**1601. Mr J W W Julius (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 Western Cape;
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? **NW2957E**

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

(1) 192.

(2)(a) 70.

(2)(b)

* Some properties were acquired to pilot a policy for the benefit of the First Nations that were disadvantaged by the land restitution deadline of June 1913. A notarial land use right is envisaged for registration instead of a lease.
* Dispute between the allocated beneficiaries and farm workers.
* Ongoing investigation by the Special Investigating Unit thereby resulting in the non-conclusion of a lease since any affected party may become a suspect.
* Some leases are currently being taken through administrative lease approval processes.
* Some previously allocated farms are in the process of being reallocated.
* There have been changes in the leasing policy in the past three years, which impacted on the conclusion of leases.

(3)(a) R 47 000.00 (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