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**QUESTION 164**

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**164. Mrs A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

1. What number of (a) district land reform committees have been established in each province (i) in each of the past 10 years and (ii) since 1 January 2019 and (b) the specified committees are still functional;
2. what are the details of (a) the mandate of district land reform committees and (b) how the committees are constituted;
3. whether her department still recognises district land reform committees; if not, what is the current status of the committees; if so, what are the relevant details of the applicable legislation on which her department relies in its recognition of the committees;

(4) whether private sector stakeholders are still involved in the district land reform committees; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW1122E**

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

1. (a),(i) Please refer to the table below.

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| **Province** | **EC** | **FS** | **GP** | **KZN** | **LP** | **MP** | **NC** | **NW** | **WC** | **Total** |
| **Number of DLRCs** | 6 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 46 |

1. None
2. No, they are suspended for review of their functions.

(2) (a) **Mandate**: To support Government to resolve the slow pace of land redistribution in South Africa, and the lack of successful implementation of policy at the local level.

1. DLRCs consist of a multi sectoral group of key stakeholders: Private sector, Organized Agriculture, farmers associations, civil society with interest in Land issues and Government.
2. Yes. In 2018, the Department undertook a decision to review the terms of reference of the committees. The DLRCs are established in terms of Chapter 6 of the National Development plan (NDP) as the guiding framework for the Department.
3. Yes. The composition as articulated in the Terms of Reference includes private sector stakeholders.