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**QUESTION 165**

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

1. What mechanisms has her department put in place in order to transfer vacant land owned by the State to various Government departments;

(2) what number of land parcels that are owned by the State have been identified as land that will be transferred? **NW1123E**

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

1. A number of organs of state in the three spheres of government (national, provincial and local) are constitutionally empowered to hold land for service delivery objectives. To the extent that the departments falling under the Ministry of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development hold vacant land, there’s no plan to transfer such vacant land to government departments. The plan is to transfer such land to prospective land reform beneficiaries. Our policy however provides for the donation of land falling under our custody to other government departments, in instances where such departments identify such land as suitable for their service delivery objectives.
2. Falls away.