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**QUESTION 1664**

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**1664. Ms S J Graham (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

1. With reference to Erf 292 Butterworth in the Mnquma Local Municipality that houses a hardware store that has been on-site for 30 years, (a) what is the size of the specified erf, (b) is there a lease agreement between her department and the occupant and (c) what is the monthly rental on the property;
2. whether any rent is outstanding; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what total amount, (b) from what date has it been outstanding and (c) what steps have been taken to collect the arrears;

(3) whether there are any arrears on the property owing to the specified municipality from her department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what total amount is in arrears, (b) from what date has it been outstanding and (c) by what date will the arrears be paid?  **NW1872E**

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

1. (a) The size of Erf 292 Butterworth in the Mnquma Local Municipality is 595 m2
2. No. The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) does not have a lease agreement with anyone on Erf 292.
3. Falls away.
4. (a),(b),(c) Falls away.
5. Yes.
	1. The total amount of R 11 134.64 is in arrears.
	2. The invoice indicated that the outstanding amount is for April 2021.
	3. The outstanding amount will be paid as soon as an engagement between DALRRD, Provincial Department of Public Works and the Municipality had reached an agreement.