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**QUESTION 1720**

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**1720. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

(a) In what way has she found the delay in handing over the promised assistance in the form of fertilizer and/or funding to small-scale farmers in need of assistance impacts the specified farmers and (b) what number of small-scale farmers were scheduled to benefit from the R99 million? **NW1963E**

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

1. The delay could have negatively impacted on the timing for fertilization in some of the areas. However, farmers still could fertilise daily after the fertilizer was handed over.
2. The distribution of 116 415 bags of fertilizer will benefit 10 679 Small Scale Growers (SSGs) on 23 283 hectares of land. To date 103 451 bags of fertilizer were distributed to 6288 SSGs, applied to 13 803,55 hectares of land.