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**QUESTION 1759**

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**1759. Mr M K Montwedi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

What specific actions has she and/or her department taken to provide support to farmers whose crops were damaged by the heavy rains between 1 November 2020 and 28 February 2021?  **NW1970E**

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

Since the fall of the heavy rains and the cyclone Eloise, provinces reprioritised their equitable share and conditional grants in order to address the damages incurred by farmers. Mpumalanga made available an amount of R8 270 000.00, Free State R1 200 000.00 and Northern Cape R1 500 000.00. North West catered for the affected farmers in the 2021/22 Fetsa Tlala programme to be assisted with seeds. The intervention is provided through provision of seeds, crop seedlings and soil rehabilitation to support the affected farmers. Continuous monitoring is done while early warning information and advisories are being disseminated on a daily basis.