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**1979. Mr J Engelbrecht (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

1. Whether, with reference to her reply to question 142 on 23 March 2022, she has found that there are sufficient available supplies of African Horse Sickness vaccines as the African Horse Sickness vaccination season will start on 1 June 2022; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,

(2) whether Onderstepoort Biological Products has a functioning freeze-drying unit for the production of vaccines; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW2319E**

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

1. The Onderstepoort Biological Products (OBP) is currently producing African Horse Sickness vaccine in order to ensure sufficient doses for the vaccination season. The OBP is continuously keeping the Equine Industry informed of the status in this regard.

(2) Yes. OBP has a functioning Freeze-Dryer.