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**2028. Mr N S Matiase (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

What (a) total number of land reform projects have been tied to strategic partners to help manage production on the land received through land reform, (b) has been the impact of the strategic partnerships over the past 15 years in the Republic and (c) are the names of the companies that are currently employed as strategic partners to land reform beneficiaries? **NW2371E**

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

1. 845.
2. To date the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) has commissioned two independent studies on the Recapitalisation and Development Programme (RADP). In 2013 the Department of Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME) was requested to conduct a mid-term review and six provinces (Eastern Cape, Free State Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo and North West) were selected and the outcomes were as follows, but not limited to these:
* The intervention seemed to have worked well in some provinces, whereas in others there were challenges. Overall 67% of the beneficiaries were effectively capacitated in the following areas:
* technical expertise 66%; farm management 71%;
* market output 88%;
* funding 76% and market input 62%; and
* in conclusion, it has been established that economic situation of farmers have improved significantly at about 72%.
1. Currently the intervention used to support farmers does not make use of strategic partners.