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**2066. Ms A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

1. (a) Why did the Government decide not to transfer ownership of farms to beneficiaries of its Proactive Land Acquisition Strategy (PLAS) and (b) who took the decision;
2. what are the details of the current time periods of leases issued under PLAS;

(3) whether she and/or her department intend to reconsider the decision not to transfer ownership of farms to beneficiaries of the PLAS; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW2220E**

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

1. (a) The Proactive Land Acquisition Strategy (PLAS) is meant to acquire strategically located land and transfer to the state under the leasehold system.
2. This strategy was a recommendation from a Land Summit in 2005.
3. In terms of the State Land Lease and Disposal Policy, the lease period for all leases under PLAS shall be 30 years, which may be renewable for another 20 years.

(3) This will be based on the outcomes of the review of the White Paper and the parliamentary review process of the Constitution on land expropriation without compensation.