**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2097 / NW 2319E**

**MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES:**

**Mr N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:**

**QUESTION:**

(1) Where in each (a) province, (b) municipality and (c) district are the input supply projects of the farmer support programmes being implemented;

(2) What amount has been (a) budgeted and (b) spent over the past five years to support the specified projects;

(3) how are the (a) budgets, (b) evaluations and (c) reports of the projects accessible?

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**REPLY:**

1. (a) The input supply projects are implemented in all nine provinces,

(b) and ( c) Annexure A provides the list of the municipalities and districts where these programmes are being implemented.

1. The amount that has (a) been budgeted and (b) spent over the past five years to support farmers/ projects with inputs through Ilima/Letsema is shown in table 1 below.

Table 1: Amount budgeted and spent to support farmers with inputs through Ilima/Letsema for the past five years.

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| **Year** | **Allocation****R'000** | **Received****by Province****R'000** | **Roll** **over****R'000** | **Withheld****R'000** | **Total****Available****R'000** | **Expenditure** | **Beneficiaries****Per Year** |
| **R'000** | **%** |
| 2012/13 | 415 000 | 415 000 | - | - | 415 000 | 400 000 | 96.4 | 162 985 |
| 2013/14 | 438 000 | 438 000 | 16 000 | - | 454 000 | 424 000 | 93.4 | 147 990 |
| 2014/15 | 460 000 | 460 000 | 27 521 | 4 062 | 487 521 | 484 084 | 99.3 | 191 396 |
| 2015/16 | 470 768 | 466 713 | - | - | 466 713 | 464 269 | 99.5 | 173 019 |
| 2016/17 | 491 363 | 491 363 | - | - | 491 363 | 481 435 | 98 | 214 952 |
| **Total** | **2 275 131** | **2 271 076** | **43 521** | **4 062** | **2 314 597** | **2 253 788** | **97.4%** |  |

From the table 1 above, R2, 275 billion was made available over the past five years through Ilima/Letsema programme to support farmers with inputs and mechanization in order to increase production of unutilised lands for beneficiaries of land reform and farmers in communal lands. 97.4% (R2, 253 billion) was reported to have been spent over the past five years.

1. (a) The budget is allocated by National Treasury through the Division of Revenue Act and the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) transfers the allocated funds to respective provinces.
	* 1. The evaluation of the programme is determined by the Department of Planning Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME) Framework on Evaluations which stipulates that programmes should be evaluated every five years. The Ilima/Letsema programme must still be evaluated – however, monitoring of performance is done on quarterly basis.
		2. Reports of the projects are provided by implementing provinces to DAFF on quarterly basis.