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**QUESTION 2115**

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**2115. Mr N P Masipa (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

(1) What is the total number of farms that have been successfully leased since the advertisement of pieces of land by her department;

(2) whether any support was provided by her department to all farmers who were successful with their applications; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW2522E**

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

1. Since the advertisement of pieces of land by the Department Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD), a total number of 204 farms are fully leased, while another 72 farms are partially leased (land units).
2. DALRRD has conducted farm assessments on 654 of these farms and provided training on 94 farms, covering 165 farmers. Skills audit has also been conducted, report of which informed the training priorities. Start-up support packages based on farm assessments have been developed to be implemented this current financial year. This planned support will be directed to the 165 farmers in 94 farms that were trained in business and entrepreneurship. The farms are distributed as follows:
* Limpopo 40;
* Mpumalanga 30; and
* Northwest: 24.

This approach is in line with the recently approved National Policy on Beneficiary Selection and Land Allocation.