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**QUESTION 2162**

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**2162. Ms T Breedt (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Whether, with reference to her reply to question 706 on 5 April 2023, the production targets of vaccines that were out of stock were met as indicated in her reply; if not, what are the (a) reasons that the targets were not met and (b) revised target dates of the various vaccines; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW2455E**

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

No. With reference to the reply to question 706 on 5 April 2023 regarding production targets of vaccines that were out of stock, not all specified targets were met.

1. Reasons where the specified targets were not met are detailed below:

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| **VACCINES IN STOCK** | **AVAILABILITY Y/N** | 1. **REASONS FOR NOT MEETING TARGET**
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| African Horse Sickness (AHS) | Yes | The product took longer than expected to pack because it is a 12-dose pack size.  |
| Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) | Yes | The process of packing AHS vaccines impacted on finalising packaging of the LSD vaccine. Product is now available. |
| Pulpy Kidney Alum | Yes | Packing commenced in the first week of May 2023 due to delays in packing AHS vaccines. |
| Brucella S19 | No | The delay was due to the long list of key products which were in line to be freeze-dried and this affected its production schedule.  |
| Brucella Rev 1 | No | The delay was due to the long list of key products such as AHS and Bluetongue Viral Vaccine (BTV) which were in line to be freeze-dried this caused rescheduling of production plans.  |
| Rift Valley Fever Live | Yes | Packing for this product was delayed due to the long lead time to pack AHS. Product was available for distribution in the week of 19 June 2023.  |
| Botulism | Yes | Quality control test took longer than expected, there was a need to confirm its safety and efficacy. Product was available in the week of 19 June 2023. |

1. The revised target dates of the various vaccines are detailed below:

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| **VACCINE** | **REVISED TARGET DATE FOR RELEASE** | **REASONS FOR DELAY** |
| Bluetongue | Product was released in late April 2023. Another batch will be released in the first week of July 2023. | Demand was more than supply. |
| African Horse Sickness | Product is released weekly. | Demand was more than supply. |
| Lumpy Skin Disease | Expected delivery date end of June 2023. | Currently packing AHS. |
| Pulpy Kidney Alum | Available. | Awaiting Quality Control (QC) results. |
| Brucella S19 | Product expected delivery date is end of July 2023. | Long list of products awaiting freeze-drying. |
| Brucella Rev 1 | Product expected delivery date is end of July 2023. | Long list of products awaiting freeze-drying. |
| Rift Valley Fever Live | Available | No delay; currently packed. |
| Botulism | Product was available in the week of 19 June 2023. | There was a delay in QC results. |