**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2231 / NW 2405E**

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

**Ms C King (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:**

**QUESTION:**

What amount has his department spent on the (a) Magwa tea project and (b) Majola tea estate since 1 April 2011?  **NW2405E**

**REPLY:**

**a)** Majola tea estate received funding to the tune of **R 28 953 209, 00** since 2011 to date from equitable share.

**b)** Magwa tea estate received funding to the tune of **R 115 625 289.56** since 2011 to date from equitable share.

* It should be noted that funding for the two enterprises was not sourced from the Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) conditional grants;
* The response was provided by the Eastern Cape Department of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform (DRDAR);
* The DRDAR appointed their State Owned Entity the Eastern Cape Rural Development Agency (ECRDA) to manage the turnaround strategy of these tea plantations and;
* A report as submitted by ECRDA on activities and financial break down is **attached.**