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**QUESTION 2234**

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**2234. Mr M K Montwedi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

In light of the fact that her department spent R89 million buying Uitkyk Farm in Fezile Dabi DistrictMunicipality in the Free State and the very same farm is utilised by the previous owners who continues to exploit farmworkers who just continue to draw just a meagre salary at the farm whilst the owners make millions out of the farm, on what legislative provisions did her department rely when it appointed a certain person (name furnished) as Acting Chief Director for the Free State, despite the fact that the specified person was suspended for the mess during the sale of the Uitkyk Farm? **NW2650E**

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

The appointment was made in terms of Section 32(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Service Act, 1994, (as amended) and the Acting Appointments Policy of the Department