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**2323. Mrs M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

What total number of (a) agricultural extension officers (i) have been employed in (aa) Limpopo and Mpumalanga (bb) the Eastern Cape and Northern Cape, (cc) KwaZulu-Natal and (dd) North West in the past two financial years and (ii) qualified through government-funded bursary schemes in each province and (b) black emerging farmers were (i) provided with extension officers in the past two financial years and (ii) assisted with funding in the past two financial years in each province? **NW2742E**

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

(a)(i)(ii),(aa),(bb),(cc),(dd) Agricultural Extension Officers: Please refer to the table below.

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| **(a)(i) employed in the past two years** | **(a)(ii) qualified through bursary schemes in each province** |
| (aa) Limpopo: 0 and Mpumalanga: **53** Extension Officers were on contract and were permanently absorbed during 2021/22 financial yearDALRRD employed Extension Officers:Limpopo: **6** and Mpumalanga: **4** on contract for 3 months  | Limpopo: 0 Mpumalanga: 0 |
| (bb) Eastern Cape: **21** and Northern Cape: 0DALRRD employed **3** Extension Officers inEastern Cape and **6** in Northern Cape on contract for 3 months | Eastern Cape: 0 Northern Cape: 0 |
| (cc) KwaZulu-Natal:**71**DALRRD employed 4 Extension Officers inKwaZulu-Natal on contract for 3 months | KwaZulu-Natal: 8 |
| (dd) North West:**46**DALRRD employed **6** Extension Officers in North West on contract for 3 months | North West: 0 |

(b)(i),(ii) Black emerging farmers: Please refer to the table below.

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| **(b)(i) provided with extension officers in the past two years** | **(b)(ii) assisted with funding in the past two financial years**A total of 38 203 smallholder producers were supported over a period of 2020/21 and 2021/22. These are figures as reported by provinces on the Electronic Quarterly Report System (e-QPRS)

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| **Province** | **2020/21 Smallholder producers supported as reported in eQPRS** | **Total** |
| **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** | **Q4** |
| EC | 0 | 240 | 3616 | 4169 | 8025 |
| FS | 0 | 0 | 58 | 228 | 286 |
| GP | 14 | 39 | 116 | 66 | 235 |
| KZN | 1797 | 1985 | 1205 | 1058 | 6045 |
| LP | 878 |   | 1927 | 1512 | 4317 |
| MP | 52 | 83 | 282 | 115 | 532 |
| NC | 0 | 12 | 711 | 298 | 1021 |
| NW | 0 | 110 | 95 | 160 | 365 |
| WC | 16 | 23 | 9 | 13 | 61 |
| **Total** |  |  |  |  | **20887** |

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| **Province** | **2021/22 Smallholder producers supported as reported in eQPRS** | **Total** |
| **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** | **Q4** |
| EC | 753 | 917 | 479 | 3717 | 5866 |
| FS | 0 | 0 | 5 | 98 | 103 |
| GP | 73 | 37 | 90 | 46 | 246 |
| KZN | 0 | 1849 | 2259 | 1894 | 6002 |
| LP | 312 | 354 | 286 | 246 | 1198 |
| MP | 438 | 198 | 660 | 287 | 1583 |
| NC | 0 | 0 | 1237 | 795 | 2032 |
| NW | 0 | 0 | 61 | 182 | 243 |
| WC | 8 | 20 | 12 | 3 | 43 |
| **Total** |  |  |  |  | **17316** |

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| (aa) Limpopo: **13 444,** and Mpumalanga: **5 100** |
| (bb) Eastern Cape: **18 351,** and Northern Cape: **3 075** |
| (cc) KwaZulu-Natal: **11 984** |
| (dd) North West: **14 356** |
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