**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2522 / NW2894E**

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

Ms A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

**QUESTION**

With reference to his response to oral question 153 on 10 June 2015, what amount has been budgeted for the implementation of the Agricultural Policy Action Plan in the 2015-16 financial year? W2894E

**REPLY**

1. The Agricultural Policy Action Plan (APAP) is planned over a five-year period and will be updated on an annual basis. Cabinet furthermore approved APAP in March 2015, and implementation will commence in the 2015/2016 financial year. It is important to note that APAP does not act outside existing budgets such as DAFFs budgetary allocation. However it provides a comprehensive strategic approach in implementing the National Development Plan (NDP) and the Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF) and directs the spending on strategic interventions identified by all stakeholders.

APAP 2015/16 interventions are funded via DAFF’s grant programmes such as CASP, Ilema Letsema, and sector organisations’ contribution. The estimated total for APAP 2015/16 is R 4, 6 billion.