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**QUESTION 257**

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**257. Ms T M Mbabama (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Whether her department reserved a percentage of the department’s budget for the current financial year for disaster management; if not, why not, considering the risky nature of the agricultural sector; if so, what informed the percentage? **NW1216E**

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

The former Department of Rural Development and Land Reform established at national level, has sub-programme called Rural Disaster Mitigation Services which is aimed at coordinating departmental disaster management related functions in compliance with the Disaster Management Framework of 2005. As a result, the Department allocates within its budget, funds for capacity building and disaster risk reduction that are implemented annually. The sub-programme is allocated a total amount of R15.4 million.

During unforeseen disaster events, the Department, upon declaration of a disaster reprioritization or funding within existing budget for relief efforts in consultation with relevant stakeholders is made to cater for the disaster.