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**QUESTION 2598**

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**2598. Mr K P Robertson (DA) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

1. Whether, with reference to his reply to question 4039 on 3 December 2015, his department budgeted for the tender with a certain company (name furnished) in respect of its involvement in the agro-processing project of the Umsinga Vegetables Producers Co-operative at Tugela Ferry in KwaZulu-Natal; if not, why not; if so, (a) by what date was the budgeting process completed, (b) what is the total amount that was budgeted by his department to compensate the specified company and (c) what is the total amount that was eventually paid out to the company;
2. whether any consulting was done by the company; if so, what was the consulting fee;
3. what are the specific details of the (a) services that the company provided in terms of the specified budget and (b) terms of construction to be done by the company;
4. whether any designing was done by the company; if so, was the company compensated in this regard;

(5) Whether the company was paid for all the services that were provided as per the approved budget; if not, what are the relevant reasons for such non-payment; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW3011E**

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

1. After reading questions NA 2598 and NA 2599, having answered NA 2597, 2016, on the same matter, the Minister ordered an investigation into the matter (see Ministerial note below). As soon as he receives the report the Minister will respond to the said questions.

MINISTERIAL NOTE: I need a full investigation on this matter. It cannot be that a Member of Parliament (MP) would ask three separate questions on the same matter, without there being a good reason for it.