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**QUESTION 2991**

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**2991. Mrs A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Whether she still intends to proclaim a date of commencement for the Animal Health Act, Act 7 of 2002; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what is the time frame in which the proclamation can be expected?  **NW3819E**

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

The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development does not have immediate intentions to proclaim the Animal Health Act, 2002. Despite the fact that the Department has continued work on the draft regulations to accompany the Animal Health Act, 2002, developments such as the assessment of the Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) have indicated conflicting and often limited legislative considerations. Based on these developments, the Department is currently consulting with Legal Services on how to further address the current challenges, including the possible repeal of the Animal Health Act of 2002. Timeframes will be considered when the legal consultations have been completed.