**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 328/ NW338E**

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

**Mr D America (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:**

**QUESTION**

Whether his department completed the Agricultural Drought-Management Plan; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will the specified plan be completed; if so, (i) what is the current status of the plan and (ii) under what circumstances will the plan be implemented? NW338E

**REPLY**

Yes the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has completed the development of the Agricultural Drought Management Plan. The plan will form part of the strategic and/or overarching Agricultural Disaster Risk Management Plan.

1. (i) The draft Agricultural Drought Management Plan went through the sectoral consultative process and was finalised is currently going through the departmental processes or/and structures for approval to become a policy document.
2. The draft plan is currently being implemented whilst waiting for all the structures/processes to be completed for approval as policy document. The implementation of the plan is as per the draft Agricultural Disaster Risk Management Plan Disaster Management Act, act 57 of 2002, Disaster Management Amendment Act, act 16 of 2015, and the Disaster Management Framework of 2005 mandate and prescripts, in line with agricultural production related policies and with the Climate Change Sector Plan for agriculture.