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**QUESTION 3501**

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**3501. Mr H C C Krüger (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

What (a) number of skill development programmes for small-scale farmers does her department offer and (b) amount has her department spent on each respective skill development programme for entrepreneurs in each of the previous five financial years?  **NW4314E**

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

1. The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) offers training and capacity-building programmes to smallholder farmers/producers with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture through the Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme (CASP). Skills development and mentorship was provided under the following 5 broad categories:

* Production: livestock, pig, goat, poultry, vegetable/crop, plant, beef, dairy etc;
* Business and Entrepreneurship: farm management, marketing, financial management, project management, organisational management, conflict management, record keeping;
* Technical: welding, tractor and irrigation maintenance, fencing, etc;
* Occupational Health and Safety: safe use of chemicals, first aid, pest control etc; and
* Mentorship: people management skills, business management skills, production/technical skills and activities, social skills etc.

1. For the last 5 years, 2017/18 – 2021/22, DALRRD offered skills programmes and mentorship to 104 660 beneficiaries and R398 565 000 was spent as outlined below.

**Table 1**: Budget spent on training and mentorship per province per financial year for the previous 5 years (2017/18 - 2021/22):

| **Province** | **Year** | | | | | **Total Budget over 5 Years** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2017/18** | **2018/19** | **2019/20** | **2020/21** | **2021/22** |  |
| Eastern Cape | R5 773 000 | R6 391 000 | R8 600 000 | R6 232 000 | R16 201 000 | **R 43 197 000** |
| Free State | R10 231 000 | R7 194 000 | R6 900 000 | R8 700 000 | R15 043 000 | **R 48 068 000** |
| Gauteng | R9 307 000 | R7 724 000 | R7 489 000 | R3 000 000 | R8 100 000 | **R 35 620 000** |
| KwaZulu-Natal | R7 100 000 | R10 500 000 | R8 000 000 | R8 000 000 | R15 043 000 | **R 48 643 000** |
| Limpopo | R8 691 000 | R9 165 000 | R8 276 000 | R10 000 000 | R15 043 000 | **R 51 175 000** |
| Mpumalanga | R7 322 000 | R4 545 000 | R7 033 000 | R12 143 000 | R13 886 100 | **R 44 929 100** |
| Northern Cape | R2 800 000 | R1 800 000 | R1 500 000 | R8 520 000 | R9 257 400 | **R 23 877 400** |
| North West | R10 695 000 | R9 000 000 | R13 767 000 | R12 468 000 | R13 886 100 | **R 59 816 100** |
| Western Cape | R8 995 000 | R9 406 000 | R9 751 000 | R5 830 000 | R9 257 400 | **R 43 239 400** |
| Total | **R 70 914 000** | **R 65 725 000** | **R 71 316 000** | **R 74 893 000** | **R 115 717 000** | **R 398 565 000** |

**Table 2**: Number of beneficiaries trained per province per financial year for the previous 5 years (2017/18 - 2021/22):

| **Province** | **Year** | | | | | **Total Beneficiaries Trained over**  **5 Years** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2017/18** | **2018/19** | **2019/20** | **2020/21** | **2021/22** |
| Eastern Cape | 2 137 | 2 919 | 1 683 | 1 108 | 1 550 | **9 397** |
| Free State | 1 816 | 0 | 402 | 811 | 1 221 | **4 250** |
| Gauteng | 3 373 | 4 130 | 698 | 154 | 1 526 | **9 881** |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 833 | 2 133 | 755 | 536 | 734 | **4 991** |
| Limpopo | 1 268 | 2 561 | 2 802 | 2 451 | 3 297 | **12 379** |
| Mpumalanga | 8 246 | 9 596 | 7 372 | 5 911 | 3 155 | **34 280** |
| Northern Cape | 1 854 | 2 416 | 2 201 | 1 206 | 295 | **7 972** |
| North West | 1 010 | 1 711 | 1224 | 488 | 1 193 | **5 626** |
| Western Cape | 2 943 | 1 693 | 1746 | 2 557 | 4 352 | **13 291** |
| **Total** | **23 480** | **27 159** | **18 883** | **15 222** | **17 323** | **102 067** |

**Table 3**: Number of beneficiaries who received mentorship per province per financial year for the previous 5 years (2017/18 - 2021/22):

| **Province** | **Year** | | | | | **Total Beneficiaries Mentored over**  **5 Years** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2017/18** | **2018/19** | **2019/20** | **2020/21** | **2021/22** |
| Eastern Cape | 116 | 375 | 0 | 0 | 14 | **505** |
| Free State | 17 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 205 | **326** |
| Gauteng | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 343 | 81 | **424** |
| Limpopo | 57 | 73 | 71 | 119 | 103 | **423** |
| Mpumalanga | 43 | 200 | 65 | 0 | 262 | **570** |
| Northern Cape | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **25** |
| North West | 14 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 0 | **44** |
| Western Cape | 36 | 159 | 9 | 37 | 35 | **276** |
| **Total** | **308** | **807** | **145** | **633** | **700** | **2 593** |