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**QUESTION 3601**

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**3601. Ms S J Graham (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

1. Whether there is a State Veterinarian allocated to the Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality; if not, why not; if so, (a) who is the State Veterinarian, (b) where will the State Veterinarian be based, (c) on what date was he or she appointed and (d) what are the responsibilities and duties of the State Veterinarian;
2. what are the requirements that must be met for the area to qualify for a dedicated State Veterinarian;
3. whether there are any plans to appoint a State Veterinarian in the specified municipality; if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details;

(4) what mechanisms exist for accessing the services provided by a State Veterinarian when one is not allocated to an area? **NW4415E**

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

1. Yes.
2. Dr Roaul Strydom.
3. Graaff-Reinet.
4. He was appointed in December 2006.
5. A state veterinarian is responsible for disease control, facilitation of veterinary international trade, veterinary public health as well as animal welfare amongst other things.
6. Many factors are considered when establishing a new state veterinary office including, but not limited to the number of livestock, number of farms and sometimes homesteads and farms, risk of disease incursion, number of establishments that need to be inspected, and even exports certification that may happen from that area.
7. There is already a state veterinarian in the specified municipality. The details are:

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1. Each district has a dedicated Deputy Director: Veterinary Services who is a state veterinarian, who ensures that services are provided in the district. The contact details are attached as **Annexure A.**