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**4537. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

With reference to the trained youth under the National Rural Youth Service Corps (NARYSEC) and the current non-quantifiable socio-economic impact of the members of the NARYSEC corps, what are the relevant details of the steps that she and/or her department is taking to provide the youth with support and assistance which will assist them with the use of their skills to make a living and ultimately allow the entry into the economy? **NW5666E**

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

The Minister of Agriculture Land Reform and Rural Development approved a revised NARYSEC Policy, 2022, to ensure youth will be recruited with the purpose of securing employment opportunities on graduation. The Department achieves this by signing employment agreements with government and the private sector stakeholders.

The 2010 Narysec Policy recruited youth with the sole purpose of up-skilling youth to enter the job market, but this policy didn’t result in the desired employment creation opportunities.

The new revised Narysec Policy, 2022 focuses on three main intervention areas for sustained employment, by recruiting youth for skills development programmes based on the following:

* negotiated guaranteed, job placement opportunities after graduation;
* established youth enterprises supported by the Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA) and the Department of Small Business; and
* re-skilling/training and provision of job placement opportunities for youth trained under the 2010 Narysec Policy.