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**48. Mr N S Matiase (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

(a) What role can reclamation, restoration and rehabilitation of degraded land play in increasing food production and (b) has her department identified degraded land for this purpose? **NW50E**

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

1. Reclamation, restoration or rehabilitated land is key to increase the production of food in that it brings back land into production. Improving land quality by restoring same degraded lands have potential to increase yields as a results of increased ecosystem services i.e. food and water.
2. Yes.