**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 602 / NW660E**

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

**Ms A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:**

**QUESTION:**

(a) Since his reply to question 2366 on 8 November 2016, what is the total number of boreholes has his department (i) drilled and/or installed, (ii) refurbished and/or (iii) equipped, (b) what was the cost, (c) from which departmental (sub) programme was the expenditure funded, (d) to which companies were contracts related to the specified borehole activities awarded and (e) what is the location of the specified boreholes?  NW660E

**REPLY:**

1. The total number of boreholes.
2. The department drilled 120 boreholes
3. A total of 175 boreholes have been refurbished to date
4. A total of 204 boreholes have been equipped by the department
5. The overall cost of boreholes was R 51 448 769.00
6. The cost was funded through Comprehensive Agriculture Support Programme (CASP), Prevention Mitigation Disaster Risk (PMDR) and Drought Scheme
7. The companies who were awarded the borehole activities are listed below.

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| **PROVINCE** | **BOREHOLES EQUIPPED** | **FUNDED THROUGH** | **COST FOR EQUIPPING/**  **REPAIRING** | **SERVICE PROVIDER** |
| North West | 23 | PMDR | R 2 916 177.00 | Maswika  Trading and Projects |
| Mpumalanga | 7 | PMDR | R 1 410 103.00 | Intellicomp (Pty) Ltd |
| Limpopo | 60 | Drought scheme | R 19 800 000.00 |  |
| Free State | 35 | PMDR (31)  Drought scheme (4) | R 7 666 000.00 | PMDR (31)– Iceburg Tradingand Quality Commercial Trading  Etsho Engineers & Rekgonne Community Projects |
| Gauteng | 20 | Drought scheme | R 2 400 000.00 | Dynamic Integrated Geohydro Environment CC |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 59 | Drought scheme | R 17 266 592.20 |  |
| **TOTAL** | **204** |  | **R 51 448 769.00** |  |

1. The location of the boreholes is illustrated in the spreadsheet with GPS coordinates and/or names of the farms/areas.