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| Response to Parliamentary Question |
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| **QUESTION NO.:** | **721/NW1766E** |
| **TO:** | **MINISTER** |
| **FROM:** | **DIRECTOR-GENERAL** |
| **SUBJECT:** | **QUESTION 721/NW1766E FOR WRITTEN REPLY BY MS H S WINKLER (DA) TO THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT** |
| **CLASSIFICATION:** | **CONFIDENTIAL** |

**NA WRITTEN QUESTION NO 721/NW1766E**

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Enclosed herein is the reply to question 721/NW1766E for your approval should you agree with the contents thereof. The information was supplied by the Branch Agricultural Production, Health and Food Safety

**DAFF’S RESPONSE:**

**PQ.  721/NW1766E Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

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Animal welfare in South Africa, except for performing animals, is administered under the Animal Protection Act, 1962 (Act No.71 of 1962). The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development has not considered drafting a separate legislation relating to companion animals.