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**QUESTION 778**

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

With reference to the establishment of the Land and Agrarian Reform Agency to which the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, referred in his State of the Nation Address on 11 February 2021, (a) what (i) are the timelines for the establishment of the specified entity and (ii) will be its functions and (b) how will the new entity work together with existing entities, such as the Commission on Restitution of Land Rights?  **NW935E**

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

(a)(i) The timelines for the establishment of the specified entity is within the next financial year, 2021/2022.

1. The entity will focus on assisting the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) in planning, financing and implementation of the projects such as land acquisition and allocation. The agency will also focus on the agricultural development and partnering with relevant public and private institutions.

1. This will be a co-ordinating agency for land and agricultural development and will therefore work with the department and all entities reporting to the department and all stakeholders playing a role in the sector.