**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 986**

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**986. Mr M K Montwedi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

1. What (a) is the total cost for the approved recapitalisation programme of March 2019, (b)(i) number of commodity organisations were appointed to implement the specified programme and (ii) are the names of such commodity organisations and (c) total amount has each organisation been paid to date;

(2) what (a) is the role of the Entsika Foundation in the implementation of the recapitalisation programme and (b) total amount has the specified foundation been paid to date? **NW1278E**

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

1. The Recapitalisation and Development Programme (RADP) no longer exists in the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Reform. The new Land Development Support Programme (LDS) was introduced to implement projects identified under the Stimulus Package. The implementation is done through commodity organisations and some financial institutions. Thus far, 146 farmers have been approved for the Stimulus Package an farms are at different levels of implementation of Business Plans that were compiled with the assistance of Commodity Organisations.

* 1. The total cost approved for the LDS policy in March 2019 is R 1 272 686 995,87.

(b)(i) Seven (7).

(b)(ii),(c) Please refer to the table below.

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| **Number** | **(b)(ii) Names of the Commodity Organisation** | **(c) Amount Paid To date** |
| 1 | National Emerging Red Meat Producers Organisation (NERPO) | R 139 475 117.73 |
| 2 | GFADA (Grain Farmers Development Association)  | R 64 431 316.66  |
| 3 | Grain SA | R 0.00 |
| 4 | SAPA (South African Poultry Association) | R 0.00 |
| 5 | Potato SA | R 0.00 |
| 6 | Citrus Growers Association  | R 0.00 |
| 7 | Deciduous Fruits Development Chamber (DFDC) | R 0.00 |

(2)(a) The role of Entsika Foundation in the implementation of the LDS programme was to conduct farm assessment, monitoring and evaluation. Entsika Foundation has since completed its work and exited the programme.

* 1. The amount of R 143 016 641.12 was paid to the Entsika Foundation.