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**QUESTION 990**

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**990. Mrs A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

What (a)(i) challenges and (ii) lessons have been learned from the implementation of the One Household One Hectare Programme, (b) number of households participated in the programme in each province and (c) amount has been spent on the programme in each province in each year since the inception of the specified programme? **NW2142E**

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

1. The Department has completed the analysis of the Impact Evaluation Report and the following challenges and lessons were identified
   * 1. Challenges

Respondents alleged that government does not conduct proper consultation;

Unrealistic production plans;

Generational gaps and lack of youth participation;

Changing the nature of implementation models by the Department;

Delays by the Department and appointed stakeholders;

Lack of commitment from some household members;

Insufficient funding/lack of stipend/salary;

Lack of proper project site monitoring.

* + 1. Lessons
* Going forward it will be necessary for the Department to develop an implementation plan which is shared with stakeholders prior to development, approval and implementation of new programmes to ensure critical support and ownership;
* The Department should ensure that beneficiaries’ representatives sign off the production plans following community meetings where these plans are presented for approval;
* It is the prerogative of each household to nominate who shall represent it, and the experience has been that elderly people are the ones who usually step forward. This does not mean that youth are not involved; youth who are interested will be involved through their households;
* Since most sites are existing and have been previously operational, production plans were based on the immediate needs of the beneficiaries.
* For the Department to speed up approval of quotations and payments and fast-track the supply of equipment and implements for beneficiaries, it requires the cooperation of all role-players, i.e. beneficiaries, site managers, accountants, suppliers. Continuous and open communication at all times amongst role-players is critical.
* Not all beneficiaries have shown lack of commitment or requested the payment of stipends – most have appreciated the support that government has provided in terms of production inputs, implements and mechanisation;
* The Department will have to strengthen its monitoring endeavours, which are through District Offices closer to clients.

1. and (c) *Expenditure of the commitments will reflect “0” households*

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| **Year** | **2016/2017** | | **2017/2018** | | **2018/2019** | | **Totals** | |
| **Households Heads/Budget Spent** | **Number of Households** | **Budget Spent R “000** | **Number of Households** | **Budget Spent R “000** | **Number of Households** | **Budget Spent R “000** | **Number of Households** | **Budget Spent R “000** |
| Eastern Cape | 0 |  | 266 | 5 987 | 446 | 18 052 | 712 | 24 039 |
| Free State | 0 |  | 112 | 22 521 | 694 | 40 533 | 806 | 63 054 |
| Gauteng | 0 |  | 107 | 22 575 | 4 | 859 | 111 | 23 434 |
| KwaZulu Natal | 0 |  | 702 | 38 755 | 601 | 38 376 | 1 303 | 77 131 |
| Limpopo | 766 | 18 417 | 1 688 | 76 896 | 113 | 22 530 | 2 567 | 117 843 |
| Mpumalanga | 0 |  | 749 | 18 616 | 0 | 21 768 | 749 | 40 384 |
| North West | 0 |  | 168 | 15 112 | 0 | 0 | 168 | 15 112 |
| Northern Cape | 0 |  | 823 | 145 290 | 293 | 19 769 | 1 116 | 165 059 |
| Western Cape | 0 |  | 33 | 8 312 | 100 | 2 403 | 133 | 10 715 |
| **Grand Total** | **766** | **18 417** | **4 648** | **354 063** | **2 251** | **164 290** | **7 665** | **536 770** |