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NOTICE OF QUESTIONS: MEC Sithole-Moloi

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Dear MEC Sithole-Moloi,

I hope that this finds you well.

In a recent article by Mukurukuru Media (http://mukurukurumedia.co/2020/08/02/bloodbath-as-thugs-kill-over-30-emerging-black-farmers/) serious concerns were raised about the killings in the eMangweni village of KwaZulu-Natal.

In the context of the above I pose the following questions:

- 1) Is the Department of Agriculture aware of this issue?
 - 1) If yes, for how long?
- 2) Has the Department intervened in any way?
 - 1) If yes, how?
 - 2) If no, why not?
- 3) What steps will the Department be taking to avoid any further loss of life of property?
- 4) What roll does the Department see itself playing in ensuring the safety of farming and rural communities?
- 5) How much of the Departmental budget is allocated to improving the safety of farming and rural communities?
 - 1) If none, why not?

I look forward to hearing a response to these questions.

Kind regards

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