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**🟊533. Mr N P Masipa (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

What (a) total number of Proactive Land Acquisition farms’ beneficiaries were granted 30-year leases and (b) are the relevant details of the challenges she has found the specified farmers to be faced with? **NO3779E**

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

1. A total number of 1 672 beneficiaries were granted 30-year leases in respect of Proactive Land Acquisition farms. Details are as follows and further details attached as Annexure A:

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| **Province** | **Eastern Cape** | **Free State** | **Gauteng** | **KwaZulu Natal** | **Limpopo** | **Mpumalanga** | **North West** | **Northern Cape** | **Western Cape** | **Total** |
| **Beneficiaries** **granted 30-year leases** | 200 | 228 | 184 | 132 | 147 | 297 | 277 | 143 | 64 | **1 672** |
| **Hectares of land subject to active long-term leases** | 189 887 | 160 560 | 41 776 | 83 586 | 107 847 | 185 772 | 258 932 | 619 535 | 84 630 | **1 732 525** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Beneficiaries have in-process 30-year lease** | 6 | 15 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 16 | 5 | 0 | 0 | **51** |
| **Hectares of land subject to in-process long-term leases** | 3 298 | 10 945 | 793 | 3 110 | 2 665 | 6 605 | 2 135 | 0 | 0 | **29 551** |

1. The challenges faced by the specified farmers differs by farmer and across provinces and include the following:
* lack of capital to fund operations and inputs, which lead to underutilisation of farms;
* lack of market access for their produce;
* lack of production skills;
* inability to pay rent;
* inability to pay for water usage and electricity;
* inadequate infrastructure;
* land invasions by neighbouring communities;
* conflicts with farm dwellers and long-term occupiers; and
* limited or lack of government support in terms of funding and technical expertise attributable to insufficient capacity and budget.