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TO : OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
FROM : MEC FOR AGRICULTURE
SUBJECT : RESPONSES TO IQP NO 1 WITH QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

2. Mr H Müller to ask the MEC responsible for Agriculture:

With reference to the allocation of 150 000 Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccine doses to the province from the national vaccine pipeline and further noting that the effectiveness of this allocation will depend on cold chain integrity, credible allocation criteria, transparent distribution across districts, adequate administration capacity and the meaningful inclusion of communal and small-scale farmers:

(1) What are the duties at provincial level regarding (a) the transport, storage and distribution of the vaccines, (b) governing the administration of the vaccine, with respect to who will receive vaccines and where, (c) governing the appointment, empowering and equipping of veterinarians and veterinary related services;	(a) The provincial office is responsible for liaising with OBP where the vaccination is sourced on logistics of transport of vaccine and final destination into the province. (b) The vaccination roll out plan is developed based on risk assessment of the province. The dairy sector, border to the KwaZulu Natal, hotspots that have a potential to be super spreaders and producers including communal producers neighbouring dairy farms especially infected farms. (c) The private vets are appointed following the application by the producer nominating that private vet. There is constant communication between the private vets, organised agriculture and the state vet services.
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<p>(2) what provincial storage plan has her Department approved for the 150 000 doses, including</p> <p>(a) the name and physical location of each storage facility,</p> <p>(b) indicating if cold storage is necessary; if so, can she kindly indicate the (i) cold storage capacity at each site, (ii) temperature monitoring and audit trail systems in place and (iii) contingency plan for cold chain failure at any point;</p>	<p>(a) The Province is utilizing the Provincial Laboratory Cold-rooms which are fitted with backup facilities. The Queenstown Lab at 2 West Street, Komani.</p> <p>(b) (i) capacity is 3x5- square metres (ii) The cold-room is fitted with temperature monitoring devise and is monitored daily (iii) Queenstown lab has more than one cold-room which is available for any challenges that could ensue. Further, Grahamstown lab cold-room is also available for any contingency requirements should it be necessary.</p>															
<p>(3) what provincial distribution plan has her Department approved for the 150 000 doses, including a breakdown of</p> <p>(a) how many doses will be allocated per district,</p> <p>(b) how many per local municipality and (c) which specific high-risk zones, outbreak-linked areas or priority corridors have been identified for the first phase vaccination;</p>	<p>(a) Each district is allocated based on risk assessment. Allocation was done as per table below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="670 1041 1436 1749"> <thead> <tr> <th>DISTRICT</th> <th>ALLOCATION</th> <th>REASON FOR PRIORITIZATION</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Alfred Nzo</td> <td>55 800</td> <td>Proximity and bordering KwaZulu Natal which is believed to be the epicentre of FMD outbreaks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OR Tambo</td> <td>7 200</td> <td>One municipality Ingquza Hill bordering KZN</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joe Gqabi</td> <td>4 320</td> <td>Emergency stamp out of outbreaks in the commonages</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chris Hani</td> <td>29 880</td> <td>Commonages around dairy farms and emergency stamp</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	DISTRICT	ALLOCATION	REASON FOR PRIORITIZATION	Alfred Nzo	55 800	Proximity and bordering KwaZulu Natal which is believed to be the epicentre of FMD outbreaks	OR Tambo	7 200	One municipality Ingquza Hill bordering KZN	Joe Gqabi	4 320	Emergency stamp out of outbreaks in the commonages	Chris Hani	29 880	Commonages around dairy farms and emergency stamp
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		out of active infection
Amathole	22765	Infected dairy farms and communal area around the dairy farms. Also emergency stamp out of active infection in hotspot areas
Sarah Baartman	4 600	Infected commonages in close proximity to dairy farms
Milk Producers Organization	28 500	Prioritised dairy farms around infected herds, first layer farms prioritised.

(b) Local municipality allocation as per table below:

District	Local Municipality	Allocation	MPO	Vaccination
Alfred Nzo	Winnie Madikizela Mandela	12780		12 646
	Matatiele	13440		13 247
	Umzimvubu	12000		11 925
Amathole	Amahlathi	8 840		5 283
	Buffalo City Metro	12 000	2592	4821
	Great Kei		1598	1598



		Raymond Mhlaba	1 925	2450	4 830
	Sarah Baartman	Kouga	3000	9 144	11 236
	Chris Hani	Enoch Mgijima	5880	5435	10 665
		Sakhisizwe	3000	680	1 754
		AB Xuma	21000		10 071
	Joe Gqabi	Walter Sisulu	4320		4 256
	OR Tambo	Ingquza Hill	7200		5 418
	<p>(c) Infected dairy farms and first layer neighbouring producers through MPO allocation, priority producers neighbouring infected dairy establishments, small dairies within infected communal space, infected commonage animals that are potential super spreaders of the infection and active hotspots.</p>				
(4)	<p>what risk-based criteria and weighting model is her Department applying to determine allocations within the province, including the role of</p> <p>(a) confirmed outbreaks,</p> <p>(b) suspected outbreaks under investigation,</p> <p>€ livestock density,</p> <p>(d) communal grazing and movement patterns and</p> <p>€ auction, feedlot and abattoir-linked movement risk;</p>	<p>(a) Confirmed cases within the dairy sector and those neighbouring dairies are prioritised. Outbreaks in commonages and farms neighbouring dairy farms are also prioritised. Border municipalities to the FMD epicentre of KZN and active hotspot outbreaks.</p> <p>(b) suspected cases with active clinical symptoms are prioritised</p> <p>(c) Livestock density is prioritised only with dairy farms in close proximity to one another.</p> <p>(d) Infected communal areas are prioritised and those bordering highly infected provinces.</p> <p>(e) Auctions and all animal movements are regulated using the cloven-hoofed animal movement gazette of 13 June 2025.</p>			
(5)	<p>whether she can kindly indicate how many of the</p>	<p>The distribution of the 150 000 doses was allocated as per table below:</p>			



<p>150 000 doses are allocated to (a) commercial farmers, (b) communal farmers and (c) informal or subsistence livestock owners;</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>District</th> <th>Allocation</th> <th>Commercial</th> <th>Communal</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Alfred Nzo</td> <td>55 800</td> <td>-</td> <td>55 800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amathole</td> <td>21 965</td> <td>6925</td> <td>4176</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chris Hani</td> <td>29 880</td> <td>5967</td> <td>3526</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OR Tambo</td> <td>7200</td> <td>-</td> <td>7200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joe Gqabi</td> <td>4 320</td> <td>2 748</td> <td>1 508</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sarah Baartman</td> <td>4900</td> <td>654</td> <td>2293</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MPO (Dairy Industry)</td> <td>28 500</td> <td>28 500</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	District	Allocation	Commercial	Communal	Alfred Nzo	55 800	-	55 800	Amathole	21 965	6925	4176	Chris Hani	29 880	5967	3526	OR Tambo	7200	-	7200	Joe Gqabi	4 320	2 748	1 508	Sarah Baartman	4900	654	2293	MPO (Dairy Industry)	28 500	28 500	
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<p>(6) whether she can kindly (a) advise as to who will administer the vaccines across the province, including a breakdown by district of (i) State Veterinarians, (ii) Animal Health Technicians or Para Veterinary staff, (iii) contracted Vaccinators if applicable and (iv) the number of vaccination teams to be deployed and (b) indicate what minimum daily or weekly throughput targets have been set per team;</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>District</th> <th>(i)State & CCS vets</th> <th>(ii)AHT's</th> <th>(iii)Contracted Vaccinators</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Alfred Nzo</td> <td>4</td> <td>50</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amathole</td> <td>9</td> <td>97</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chris Hani</td> <td>8</td> <td>47</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joe Gqabi</td> <td>4</td> <td>24</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OR Tambo</td> <td>2</td> <td>64</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sarah Baartman</td> <td>4</td> <td>13</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(iv) The teams differ from each district with 2 to 4 teams working per district daily.</p> <p>(b) No targets are set, each team is expected to report on their daily progress depending on the area covered.</p>	District	(i)State & CCS vets	(ii)AHT's	(iii)Contracted Vaccinators	Alfred Nzo	4	50	-	Amathole	9	97	-	Chris Hani	8	47	-	Joe Gqabi	4	24	-	OR Tambo	2	64	-	Sarah Baartman	4	13	-				
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<p>(7) what is the current status of authorising private Veterinarians to administer</p>	<p>(a) An application form generated from National is being used for the producers to apply who prefer using private veterinarians (b) 18 private vets from different veterinary practices</p>																																



<p>FMD vaccines under her Departmental oversight, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the legal or policy mechanism being used to enable this, (b) how many private Veterinarians have been identified or have applied, (c) how many have been approved to date and (d) what controls will apply to vaccine custody, administration records and reporting; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (c) 18 are approved (d) Allocated doses are recorded for each farm and reports on vaccinated animals are sent back to the state vet for reconciliation and recording.
<p>(8) what vaccination recording, verification and traceability system her Department anticipates will be used to capture administration of the 150 000 doses, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) animal identification requirements, (b) location recording, ward or farm level, (c) batch number recording, (d) reporting lines to national structures and (e) how her Department will verify reported vaccinations and manage any discrepancies? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The department is using the livestock identification and traceability system (LITS) for recording vaccinated animals in the communal areas. The dairy industry has its sector identification system that is used and the commercial herds are either in the RMIS or LITS system and all the systems are able to trace vaccinated animals. (b) the systems can record location (c) each batch number is recorded in each vaccination point (d) the department is part of the National system on FMD reporting that is being piloted (e) The allocated doses are verified against reported vaccination figures. The spillages are reported and taken into consideration during reconciliation of reported vaccinations.



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