

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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1041. Ms. A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) How many applications did his department receive from the agricultural sector under the Jobs Fund programme;
- (2) what are the full names of all persons who will be sitting on the Technical Evaluation Committee;
- (3) (a) what are the details of each agricultural project funded by the Jobs Fund and (b) how many jobs were created in respect of each project?

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REPLY:

- (1) To date the Jobs Fund has issued five calls for proposals ("CFPs"). The first three were open to projects from all sectors of the economy; the fourth one was a scaling up round for qualifying projects already funded by the Jobs Fund; and the 5th CFP focuses on the agriculture sector and specifically on projects supporting market access for smallholder farmers.

A total of 663 applications have been received from the agriculture sector split as follows:

- 1st CFP : 157
- 2nd CFP : 184
- 3rd CFP : 106
- 4th CFP : 5
- 5th CFP : 211

- (2) The TEC comprises of core members and technical/sector specialists who are brought in as the need arises to provide specialist knowledge. For the 5th CFP (Agriculture Round), the Jobs Fund is in discussions with the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations ("FAO") – South Africa office, for the secondment of Agricultural Specialists. The appointments are in the process of being finalised and will be in place when the agriculture concept applications are reviewed by the TEC.

The core members of the TEC are:

- Andreas Bertoldi (Chairman of the Technical Evaluation Committee) - Senior Technical Advisor with the Government Technical Advisory Centre
- Najwah Allie-Edries - The Head of the Jobs Fund
- Letsholo Mojanaga - Senior Technical Advisor with the Government Technical Advisory Centre

It should be noted that the role of the Technical Evaluation Committee (“TEC”) is to review and provide technical input on project applications and to provide expert advice to the Jobs Fund Investment Committee (“JFIC”). The TEC makes recommendations to the JFIC, and only the JFIC has the mandate to make final funding decisions.

- (3) Below is the list of agriculture projects that have been funded by the Jobs Fund. The table sets out the following: The Grant Amount allocated to the project; the corresponding match funding from the project partner. On performance we outline the target vs. actual performance (number of new permanent jobs and placements) from inception of the project to date (“ITD”) up to 31 December 2014, being the latest quarter that the projects have reported on. The next reporting is for the quarter ending 31 March 2015. The last column shows the contracted figures for the entire project implementation period.

Please note:

- i. That the 5th CFP (Agriculture Round) applications are still under consideration, hence no funding decisions have been made and these projects are not reflected below.
- ii. The reason why there is no information against some projects in the Inception to Date Target column and the Inception to date actual column is that these projects will report for the first time at the end of the first quarter of 2015/16.

	JF Number	Project Name	Province	Grant Amount	Match Funding	Inception To Date Target	Inception To Date Actual	Contracted
1	JF1/0443	Lima Rural Development Foundation (Small Holder Farmer Support Programme)	KwaZulu Natal	R 20 109 208	R 6 047 000	8 700	9 461	8 000
2	JF1/0937	TechnoServe South Africa (Job Creation through Small Farmer Commercialisation)	Gauteng	R 40 183 000	R 10 045 863	4 462	6 186	22 500
3	JF1/0525	ASGISA-EC (EC Community Forestry)	Eastern Cape	R 82 730 000	R 30 620 500	261	386	565
4	JF1/1297	Buhle Farmers Academy	Mpumalanga	R 5 000 000	R 8 520 000	1 000	1 023	1 100
5	JF1/0425	Heifer International South Africa (Thusanang Dairy Project)	KwaZulu Natal	R 5 935 887	R 1 485 000	300	560	600
6	JF1/1069	Akwandze Agricultural Finance (Small scale sugarcane irrigation infrastructure project)	Mpumalanga	R 50 000 000	R 75 000 000	344	471	1 511
7	JF1/0772	College of Sustainable Agriculture - Karoo incubator	Western Cape	R 7 000 000	R 12 500 000	30	15	85
8	JF1/0511	ECDC (Trading Up) Asgisa Rural Agro Initiative	Eastern Cape	R 72 766 000	R 49 811 200	89	79	629
9	JF2/3725	Development of Cashmere Fibre Industry	Gauteng	R 4 220 000	R 1 140 000	15	119	16
10	JF2/2431	Manzengwenya-Mbazwana Forestry Development Program (Lima)	KwaZulu Natal	R 80 054 000	R 20 010 000	369	606	808
11	JF2/3526	Blouberg Agricultural Development Project (Heifer)	KwaZulu Natal	R 6 776 000	R 1 695 000	700	871	2 100
12	JF2/3775	Soybean - Edamame Soybean Industry Establishment (Newlands Mashu)	KwaZulu Natal	R 19 000 000	R 10 906 791	330	384	510
13	JF2/2234	AgriBEE Agro Processing Linkage Project (Claremont Farming)	Eastern Cape	R 12 059 779	R 97 980 803	288	49	292
14	JF2/3619	Milk SA Sustainable Commercialization Small Holder Dairy	Gauteng	R 10 358 670	R 10 508 670	40	32	120
15	JF2/3507	Eksteenskuij Raisin Incubator	Northern Cape	R 18 250 000	R 24 810 000	34	22	103
16	JF3/2704	Orange Grove UHT and recapitalisation program	KwaZulu Natal	R 45 000 000	R 67 917 000	-	-	555
17	JF3/1457	Just Veggies: VegFresh and Frozen vegetable supply chain	KwaZulu Natal	R 30 000 000	R 137 133 000	497	-	690
18	JF3/1728	Tongaat Hulett Sugarcane Development Initiative	KwaZulu Natal	R 150 000 000	R 437 441 000	509	280	2 874
19	JF3/3011	Timbali: 300 SMME's in Commercial-Agri-Parks for 4 495 jobs	Mpumalanga	R 75 000 000	R 18 750 000	-	-	805
20	JF1/1881	Natural Resources Management Programme - Department of Environmental Affairs-Eco-Factories Project	Western Cape	R 122 400 000	R 122 400 000	-	-	3 025
				R 856 842 544	R 1 144 721 827	17 968	20 544	46 888