**QUESTION PAPER 19**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**FRIDAY, 25 AUGUST 2023**

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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**15. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture:**

(a) What are the characteristics of, and risks associated with African horse sickness for equine owners in the province,

(b)(i) what measures can owners take to protect their horses from African horse sickness and (ii) to what extent has a shortage of vaccines been experienced over the last few years and (c)(i) which entity has provided the bulk of vaccines against horse sickness in the past and (ii) what is this entity’s relationship with the national Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development?

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:**

**15. Mr A P van der Westhuizen to ask Dr I H Meyer, Minister of Agriculture:**

(a)Signs of African horse sickness may include:

* Swelling and redness around the eyes and elsewhere on the face
* Frothing and discharge from nostrils
* Fever
* Slow and heavy breathing
* Coughing
* Swollen face

Risks are:

* Introduction of AHS incubating horses from African Horse Sickness (AHS)endemic/infected areas of South Africa (where there is absence of active investigation and restrictions when outbreaks of AHS occur) to the AHS Controlled and Free zone.
* Vaccinating at the wrong times of the year – vaccination is recommended to be done between June and October.
* Vaccine handling and following of vaccination guidelines.

* 1. (i) Owners are usually urged to:
* stable their horses overnight or move to high-lying areas if possible, from 2 hours before sunset until 2 hours after sunrise while the midges are active.
* to ensure all horses are correctly vaccinated, especially if they are in high-risk areas and not stabled.
* ensure horses are also treated with insect repellents daily.
* obtain permission for all movements from their local State and Private veterinarians, and to ensure that the movement is approved by the State Veterinarian Boland, if it is into the Western Cape.
* not move horses into the Western Cape AHS Controlled Area unless it is absolutely essential and has been arranged in advance with the State Veterinarian, Boland.

(ii) There has been sporadic shortages of vaccines during critical periods when owners had to vaccinate their animals whilst they could not procure vaccines as suppliers had no stock.

* 1. (i) Onderstepoort Biological Products (OBP)

(ii) Onderstepoort Biological Products (OBP) is the State Owned Enterprise (SOE) that is attached to Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD).

**VRAELYS 19 - 2023**

**SKRIFTELIKE BEANTWOORDING**

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**VRAELYS VIR SKRIFTELIKE BEANTWOORDING**

**\*15. Mnr A P van der Westhuizen vra dr I H Meyer, Minister van Landbou:**

1. Wat die eienskappe van en risiko’s verbonde aan Afrika-perdesiekte vir perde-eienaars in die provinsie is, (b)(i) watter maatreëls eienaars kan tref om hul perde teen Afrika-perdesiekte te beskerm en (ii) in watter mate ŉ inentingstekort in die afgelope vyf jaar ondervind is en (c)(i) watter entiteit in die verlede die grootste hoeveelheid entstof teen perdesiekte verskaf het en (ii) wat hierdie entiteit se verwantskap met die nasionale Departement van Landbou, Grondhervorming en Landelike Ontwikkeling of is?

**15. MINISTER VAN LANDBOU:**

1. Tekens van Afrika-perdesiekte kan insluit:

* swelling en rooiheid rondom die oë en elders op die gesig

• skuim en afskeiding uit neusgate

• koors

• stadige en swaar asemhaling

• hoes

• geswelde gesig

Risiko's is:

* Inbring van Afrika-perdsiekte (APS) ge-inkubeerde perde van (APS) endemies of besmette gebiede van Suid-Afrika (waar daar afwesigheid van aktiewe ondersoek en beperkings is wanneer uitbrake van Afrika-perdesiekte voorkom) na die APS-beheerde en vrye sone.
* Inenting op die verkeerde tye van die jaar - inenting word aanbeveel tussen Junie en Oktober te doen.

1. (i) Eienaars word gewoonlik versoek om:

• hul perde oornag te stal of na hoogliggende gebiede te neem indien moontlik, vanaf 2 uur voor sononder tot 2 uur na sonop terwyl die muggies aktief is.

• te verseker dat alle perde korrek ingeënt is, veral as hulle in hoë risiko gebiede is en nie op stal nie.

• verseker dat perde ook daagliks met insekweermiddels behandel word.

• toestemming te verkry van hul plaaslike staats- en privaatveeartse vir alle bewegings, en om te verseker dat die beweging goedgekeur word deur die Staatsveearts Boland, indien dit in die Wes-Kaap is.

• nie perde in die Wes-Kaap APS-beheerde gebied in te bring nie, tensy dit absoluut noodsaaklik is en vooraf met die Staatsveearts, Boland gereël is.

(ii) Daar was sporadiese tekorte aan entstowwe gedurende kritieke tydperke toe eienaars hul diere moes inent terwyl hulle nie entstowwe kon aanskaf nie, aangesien verskaffers geen voorraad gehad het nie.

1. (i) Onderstepoort Biologiese Produkte (OBP)

(ii) Onderstepoort Biologiese Produkte (OBP) is die staats beheerde onderneming (SBO) wat verbonde is aan die Departement van Landbou, Grondhervorming en Landelike Ontwikkeling (DALRRD).