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**841.. Dr M Q Ndlozi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What total (a) volume of the food procured for the school feeding scheme is sourced from black-owned farms and (b) percentage of the total food budget do they account for?

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#### **Response**

The National School Nutrition Programme is implemented using the central procurement (bids by Provincial Education Departments) and decentralised procurement (schools procure food items locally using quotations). The trend has been that farmers sell to commercial fresh produce markets and retailers, in turn, contracted suppliers/services buy food from the large commercial market. There is no disaggregated data of black owned farms to quantify the total food budget.