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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 852.**

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**852.. Mr T Apleni (Eastern Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:  
to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

***Agricultural studies***

What interventions have been made to ensure that black learners who are interested in agricultural studies receive first preference at agricultural institutions such as Grootfontein Agricultural College and Marlow High Agricultural School where there is less than 2% of black learners?

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#### **Response**

1. Grootfontein Agricultural College is a Tertiary Institution that falls under the Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform and offers tertiary courses in Agriculture. It's not a high school.

2. Hoerlandbouskool Marlow is an Afrikaans medium Agricultural School and offers tuition in all subjects in Afrikaans. Currently, Black learners are studying Agricultural Studies offered through the medium of Afrikaans.

3. The Eastern Cape has a total of 16 (sixteen) other Agricultural High Schools where Agricultural Studies is currently being piloted from 2021 and the medium of instruction is English in all of them.