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859. . Mr K Motsamai (Gauteng: EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Agricultural/land studies in curriculum

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In 2017, the Department of Basic Education developed the Three Streams Curriculum Model. One of the subjects that formed part of this model is Agricultural Studies, which forms part of the curriculum for Grades 8 and 9 in the Basic Education sector. The Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) for Agricultural Studies for Grades 8 and 9 have been developed and finalised for implementation in all schools in 2023. In 2022, Umalusi has approved the Agricultural Studies CAPS for Grades 8 and 9. This curriculum in Agricultural Studies promotes foundational and technical skills in the Agricultural sector. Agricultural Studies is the precursor for subjects like Agricultural Sciences, Agricultural Management Practices and Agricultural Technology in the FET phase. All our learners will be exposed to practical skills acquisition in the Agricultural field. They will be able to develop the land and generate an income from their knowledge and skills that they will develop in their schooling career. Furthermore, Learning Teaching Support Material (LTSM) has been developed for Grades 8 and 9 Agricultural Studies. The textbooks for Agricultural Studies Grades 8 and 9 are supporting Provincial Education Departments in the current piloting programme for Agricultural Studies in Grades 8 and 9. Learners are also exposed to continuous practical Tasks involving different plant and animal production enterprises.