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**QUESTION 2582**

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**2582. Mrs A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

With reference to the reported facilitation of the lifting of the livestock ban between South Africa and Kuwait by the Eastern Cape Development Corporation, (a) what was the reason for the ban and/or moratorium that had been in place and applied to livestock in the Eastern Cape for more than a decade (details furnished) and (b) on what grounds was the ban or moratorium lifted? **NW3253E**

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT:**

- (a) There has never been a livestock ban and/or moratorium between South Africa and Kuwait, which has been in place and applied to livestock in the Eastern Cape for more than a decade or any similar period. The only ban related to livestock and Kuwait was the court order that was granted to the NSPCA on the 09<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to ban the exportation of live animals from South Africa to the Middle East. The judgement was subsequently reversed in August 2020 through an appeal lodged by the exporter.
- (b) There was no livestock ban or moratorium between South Africa and Kuwait.