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**Media Statement**

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**MINISTER DIDIZA REQUESTS TIME TO DEAL WITH LABOUR MATTERS IN THE DEPARTMENT**

The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Ms Thokozile Didiza has in the past few weeks been inundated with a lot of media inquiries and interest on some of the labour matters within the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.

The Minister has noted with grave concern that some of the reports have been quoted or referenced in the line of questioning by those who are interested in these labour matters. It may be important to remember that some of these issues that are being raised are legacies of the fifth administration and some of the investigations have not been concluded and continued through the sixth administration. Some of these matters are being investigated by multiples agencies of State at the same time and still not yet been finalised. The Minister and the Department are appealing to the media community to allow them time and space to address these matters outside the media as they involve various people and their respective families. Once all these processes have been concluded, the Minister will make pronouncements at the appropriate time.

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