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Attention: News Editors / Agricultural writers

**PARLIAMENT'S AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE CONDUCTS
OVERSIGHT VISIT AT ARC-VOP**

Pretoria: The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) hosts the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries as part of its oversight role over the public institutions at the ARC – Vegetable and Ornamental Plants Campus. The purpose of the visit is to get first-hand information on the activities and the performance of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and its public entities such as the ARC.

The ARC will present its annual report for the financial 2017/18 year to the Portfolio Committee.

About the ARC campus: Vegetable and Ornamental Plants Campus, situated in Roodeplaat, Gauteng Province was established in 1949 and is focused on conducting innovative, needs-driven, environmental friendly research, technology development and transfer on potatoes and indigenous flowers for the commercial and developing agricultural industries.

The ARC remains committed to provide excellent services to the industry and strive to improve systems through continued research in the improvement of production technologies and efficiencies.

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