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**QUESTION 4004**

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**4004. Ms T M Mbabama (DA) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

1. What is the total number of farms that make up the Gwatyu Farms situated in the Enoch Mgijima Local Municipality in the Eastern Cape;

(2) whether land claims have been lodged for any of the specified farms; if so, (a) what number of land claims have been (i) received and (ii) finalised, (b) what number of title deeds of the finalised claims have been handed over and (c) what are the reasons that the outstanding land claims have not been finalised?  **NW4550E**

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

1. 58 Farms
2. Yes
3. (i) Four land claims lodged.
* Claims lodged by R. Qengqeleka and N. Bhangazile on behalf of Bolotwa Community
* N. Bhangazile lodged a claim on behalf of Qineni which is part of Bolotwa.
* Papiyana Family claim
* Gwatyu Community lodged by Chief Gungubele

 (ii) None have been finalised

(b) None

(c) Bolotwa Community claim research report has been approved; currently mapping exercise is in progress.

 Papiyana Family claim has been researched.

 Gwatyu Community on the research stage.