

Presentation to the Parliamentary Committee on Rural Development and Land Reform

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Department Programmes

- Administration
- National Geomatics and Management Services
- Rural Development
- Land Restitution
- Land Reform
- 2013 MTEF - <R30 billion (R9,5; R9,9; R10,3 billion)

Financing of the Restitution Programme

- The funds will be used for the settlement of claims validated by the Land Claims Commission
- Department advises that an average of 1,300 claims will be settled per year over the MTEF

Progress to-date

- Since inception of the restitution programme, the department achieved the following:
 - A total of 77,334 claims have been settled to date at a total cost of R16 billion
 - The average cost per claim is R206 894
 - Of these, 71,292 claims were financial compensation worth R6 billion

Past Expenditure on Restitution

– FY 2012/13

- Restitution programme underspent by R20 million

– 2011/12 FY

- Restitution programme underspent by R 16 million due to disputes and delays in processing claims

Objectives Over The Medium Term

- The Restitution of Land Rights Act (1994) provides for the restitution of rights in land to persons or communities dispossessed of such rights after 19 June 1913
- The Act makes provision for the establishment of the commission on Restitution Land Rights and the Land Claims Court
- The Minister is authorised to purchase, acquire and expropriate land or rights in the land for the purpose of restitution awards

Objectives Over The Medium Term

- The focus over the medium term will be on settling and finalising restitution claims to increase access to and promote the productive use of land.
- Objectives over the medium term:
 - Increase the number of land claims finalised to 983
 - Increase the number of land claims settled to 1,457
 - Increase the number of new recapitalised projects to 76 under the land reform programme

Re-opening of the Lodgment of Restitution Claims

- The Restitution of Land Rights Amendment Bill, 2013 provides an opportunity to those who did not lodge claims by 31 December 1998 to lodge their claims.
- Settlement and finalisation of claims
- The administration of claims
- Internal and external capacity
- Additional resources needed such as campaigning and advertisement as well as workshops needed to inform the general public about the process

Re-opening Of The Lodgment of Restitution Claims

- Process will be supported by a comprehensive communication campaign
- Distribution of a citizens' manual on Land Claims
- Translated into all official languages
- Languages of the Khoi and the San communities

Financing of claims

- The Bill provides for the re-opening of the lodgement of restitution claims to 31 December 2018
- This new deadline anticipates 400,000 potential new claims
- Need to address institutional capacity to process claims

Way Forward

- The department will establish guidelines
- Options on restitution implementation are being considered
- Further consultation with the department

THANK YOU