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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 108**

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**108. Inkosi B N Luthuli (IFP) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

1. Whether, with reference to the issue of land settlement agreements, she has been informed that there are land claims where settlement agreements have been reached by all parties involved in the land claims and approved by either the former Minister or the Chief Land Claims Commissioner (CLCC) in terms of section 14(3) of the Restitution of Land Claims Act, Act 22 of 1994; if not, why not; if so, what is the status of these settlements;
2. whether she has been informed that the office of the CLCC in KwaZulu-Natal, through its officials, have been and currently are interfering by not implementing the agreed settlement and causing conflict within the communities who are of the view that those officials benefit in such settlement; if not, (a) whether she will investigate this matter and (b) what steps will she take in her investigation; if so, what steps does she intend taking against the specified officials;

(3) whether she has any contingency plan in place should the steps she intends to take fail; if not, why not; if so, what indicators will she use to measure the success of the steps and the strategy? **NW1065E**

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

1. No. The Commission is still in the process of briefing the Minister on the work of the Commission
2. No.
3. Yes.

(b) The Minister will firstly request details, from the Hon Inkosi Zulu, of those settlements where officials in the Office of the Regional Land Claims Commissioner: KwaZulu-Natal are allegedly not implementing the agreements and are causing conflict. Thereafter, she will investigate the veracity of the allegations and, where necessary, take appropriate action to ensure implementation of the agreed settlements and taking corrective measures against transgressing officials.

(3) No. A contingency plan will only be developed once the details of the allegations have been provided and the allegations investigated.