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**QUESTION 1086**

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**1086. Ms N R Mashabela (EFF) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

Whether, with reference to his reply to question 638 on 1 April 2016 regarding the settlement of the land claims lodged by the communities of Lower and Upper Zingcuka in Keiskammahoek, Eastern Cape, the specified land claims have been settled before 31 March 2017, if not, by what date will the land claims be settled; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW1223E**

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

1. No. Verification for the Zingcuka could not be completed due to the dispute between the Upper Zingcuka and Amakhuze communities, as there are overlapping boundaries of the claimed land. The Commission on Restitution of Land Rights (CRLR), Department of Agriculture Forestry & Fisheries and Amathole Forestry Company have jointly scheduled meetings during 2017/18 financial year in order to resolve the disputes. Upon resolving of the dispute, the CRLR will proceed with the finalization of the verification process, and the restitution processes will unfold in order for this claim to be settled.