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**1204. Ms T M Mbabama (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

What is the (a) total number of hectares of unsurveyed and unregistered land in the Republic and (b)(i) annual target to survey and register land, (ii) number of hectares that have been surveyed and registered in each year since 1 April 2014 and (iii ) total cost in each year? **NW2414E**

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

1. The result of the 2017 Land Audit indicates a figure of 7 701 605 hectares of land that is unregistered trust state land. This figure consists of both un-surveyed and unregistered land in the Republic.
2. (i) None. The role of the Department through the Office of the Surveyor-General is to regulate surveying in the Republic by ensuring the correct implementation of the Land Survey Act, Act 8 of 1997 not the actual surveying. From time to time, the Department would perform state land surveys and not privately owned land.

(ii) None.

(iii) No costs were incurred since there were no land surveys done.