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**1332.Ms N W A Mazzone (DA) asked the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure**

What (a) total number of cases of illegal invasion of land owned by her department was recorded by her department in each (i) province and (ii) of the past five financial years, (b) is the current status of occupation, (c) total number of persons are currently occupying the land and (d) steps has her department taken to remedy the situation in each specified case? **NW1700E**

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**REPLY:**

1. I was informed by the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) that 39 cases of illegal invasion of land owned by the DPWI was recorded**.**(see Annexure A)
   * Free State – 4
   * Western Cape– 3
   * Kwa Zulu Natal - 3
   * Gauteng(Johannesburg & Pretoria) – 0
   * Northern Cape - 1
   * North West - 3
   * Mpumalanga- 6
   * Limpopo - 2
   * Eastern Cape (Port Elizabeth and Mthatha) – 17

**ANNEXURE A:**

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| **No.** | **(a)Total number of cases of illegal invasion of land owned by DPWI** | **(i)Province** | **(ii)Past five financial years** | **(b)Current status of occupation** | **(c)Total number of persons occupying the house** | **Steps taken to remedy the situation in each specific case** |
|  | Erf 264 Port St Johns | Eastern Cape | Yes | Was Unlawful occupied, currently utilized by Home Affairs | ± 10 | Eviction order was granted through State Attorney |
|  | Erf 85 Tsomo | Eastern Cape | Yes | Unlawful occupied | ± 5 | The Department has taken the matter to State Attorney for eviction |
|  | Erf 119 Sterkspruit | Eastern Cape | Yes | Unlawful occupied | ±3 | The Department is in the process of entering into a contract with the occupants |
|  | Erf 920 Mthatha | Eastern Cape | Yes | Unlawful occupied | ± 20 | The Department has taken the matter to State Attorney for eviction |
|  | Erf 350 Maluti | Eastern Cape | Yes | Unlawful occupied | ± 5 | The Department is in the process of entering into a contract with occupant. |
|  | Erf 200 Mthatha | Eastern Cape | Yes | Unlawful occupied | ±10 | The Department has taken the matter to State Attorney for eviction |
|  | Erf 8328 Mthatha | Eastern Cape | Yes | Unlawful occupied | ± 5 | The Department has taken the matter to State Attorney for eviction |
|  | Erf 170 Port St Johns | Eastern Cape | Yes | Unlawful occupied | ± 11 | The Department has taken the matter to State Attorney for eviction |
|  | Farm 871, Grey Dell. East London | Eastern Cape | Yes | Illegally occupied | ± 2000 | Eviction order obtained |
|  | Farm 871 PT 1, Grey Dell. East London | Eastern Cape | Yes | Illegally occupied | ± 2000 | Eviction order obtained |
|  | Farm 871 PT 3, Grey Dell. East London | Eastern Cape | Yes | Illegally occupied | ± 2000 | Eviction order obtained |
|  | Farm 45, Draaibosch. Komga | Eastern Cape | Yes | Illegally occupied | ± 750 | Liaising with local municipality to formalize housing development |
|  | Farm 114, Kommetjiesleegte Outspan, East London | Eastern Cape | Yes | Illegally occupied | ± 500 | Investigation In progress regarding formal housing development |
|  | Farm 356, Black Hill Outspan. East London | Eastern Cape | Yes | Illegally occupied | ± 750 | Investigation In progress regarding formal housing development |
|  | Farm 866 PT 1, East London RD | Eastern Cape | Yes | Illegally occupied | ± 1000 | Investigation In progress regarding formal housing development |
|  | Farm 276 PT 1, PlaasDonkerhoek. Albany | Eastern Cape | Yes | Illegally occupied | ± 500 | Minister has approved, transfer in progress |
|  | Farm 304, Nahoon Dam. East London | Eastern Cape | Yes | Illegally occupied | ± 2500 | Eviction proceedings in progress |
|  | Kimberley ERF 6983 | Northern Cape | Yes | Squatters | Unknown | Eviction proceedings in progress |
|  | Rem of Portion 69 of the farm Reserve No. 7A No. 15826 | KwaZulu-Natal | Yes | Unlawfully occupied | Unknown | Site investigation to be conducted |
|  | Rem of Portion 3 of the farm Veelgeluk No. 171 | KwaZulu-Natal | Yes | Unlawfully occupied | Unknown | Site investigation to be conducted |
|  | Portion 4 of the farm RietVallei No. 1043 | KwaZulu-Natal | Yes | Unlawfully occupied | Unknown | Site investigation to be conducted |
|  | Erf 1117 Blaauwberg | Western Cape | Yes | Unlawful occupied | ± 25 | The Department is in the process of transferring the property to the Department of Human Settlement, Water & Sanitation for housing development purposes |
|  | Farm 295 Grabouw | Western Cape | Yes | Unlawful occupied | ± 2000 | The Department is in the process of transferring the property to the Department of Human Settlement, Water & Sanitation for housing development purposes |
|  | Portion 65 of Farm 82 RoodeZand, Worcester (known as Sandhills | Western Cape | Yes | Unlawful occupied | ±500 | The Department is in the process of transferring the property to the Department of Human Settlement, Water & Sanitation for housing development purposes |
|  | Remainder of Farm Loskop North 12 JS | Limpopo | Yes | Unlawful occupied | ±500 | The Department is currently of in a process of Eviction |
|  | PT 13 of Farm Tempelhof 150 MS | Limpopo | Yes | Unlawfully occupied | 7 businesses | The Department is currently of in a process of Eviction |
|  | Erf 8225 Portion 1 | Free State | Yes | Unlawfully occupied | 1 | The illegal occupation came to our attention recently and we are in the process of identifying the illegal occupant and the circumstances under which he occupied the farm. |
|  | Farm Tochgekry 151 | Free State | Yes | Unlawfully occupied | 1 | The illegal occupant indicated that they have signed care taker agreement with the Department of land Affairs and Rural Development. This matter is under further investigation. |
|  | Farm Grootgewaagd 630 | Free State | Yes | Unlawfully occupied | 1 | The illegal occupation came to our attention recently and we are in the process of identifying the illegal occupant and the circumstances under which he occupied the farm. |
|  | Farm De Kamp 1294 Portion 1 | Free State | Yes | Unlawfully occupied | 15 | A family known as the Lehola – family is currently in occupation. The department is in the process of engaging with the family in an effort to resolve the matter. Several meeting have already taken place. |
|  | Portion 4 of the farm Zandpan 423 IP | North West | Yes | Vacated | +-300  Extent: 628.7167 h | Land Transferred to Matlosana Local Municipality |
|  | Portion 24 (.9965h) and 34 (.5308h) of Rustenburg town and Townlands 272 JQ. | North West | Yes | Illegally Occupied | One (1): Company  Extent: 1.5273 h | Eviction letter Issued |
|  | Portion 1 of farm Wildebeestfontein 274 JQ | North West | Yes | Illegally occupied | One (1): Company  Extent: 3.9752 (of 297.0844 h) | Eviction letter Issued |
|  | PORTION 23 OF FARM VALSCHFONTEIN, Valschfontein | Mpumalanga | Yes | Illegally occupied | Number unknown | The office was in negotiation with Dr J S Moroka Municipality for the transfer of the property .The submission is with PPM for disposal of the property to Dr J S Moroka. |
|  | Farm Sheba Siding 939 JU | Mpumalanga | Yes | Illegally occupied | number unknown | The office was in negotiation with Umjindi Municipality (current merged with Mbombela Local Municipality) for the transfer of the property . Process never finalised as the Municipality never submitted the required documents |
|  | RE/2/ of the Farm Dingwell 276 JT,Nelspruit | Mpumalanga | Yes | Illegally occupied | Plus/ minus 1000 houses | The submission is with PPM for disposal of the property to City of Mbombela Local Municiplaity. |
|  | Ptn 1 of the Farm Rietfontein 193 JT, Rietfontein | Mpumalanga | Yes | Illegally occupied | Guest house | The matter is under the administration of Forestry and Fisheries and the office is awaiting their comments on the matter. |
|  | Farm Rooiduiker , Ingrid and Vaal Riebok in Hazyview | Mpumalanga | Yes | Illegally occupied | number unknown | Referred to Legal Services |
|  | Farm Langrand in Kaapsehoop | Mpumalanga | Yes | Illegally occupied | number unknown | With Land Invasion Task team developed by city of Mbombela. |