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**1343. Mr T W Mhlongo (DA) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

(a) How many applications for title deeds have been received for Lakeside in Orange Farm, Johannesburg, since 1 January 1996, (b) how many of the specified title deeds have been issued to date, (c) how many outstanding title deeds still need to be issued and (d) when will the outstanding title deeds be issued? **NW1491E**

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

1. The township Lakeside comprises of various extensions which are registered in the name of Merbuild Proprietary Limited and the Gauteng Provincial Government. The Gauteng Provincial Government is registered owner of only Lakeside Extension 4 Township. The total number of erven/stands in the township is 10977 of which 10363 have, since 1 January 1996, been transferred by the township owners to various parties.
2. The number of erven that have been transferred by the township owners, and held by means of separate title deeds, to date is 10363.
3. The number of erven still held by the township owners under various township title deeds is 614.
4. The Department of Rural Development and Land Reform is not in a position to know when the township owners will transfer the remaining erven, as it is the prerogative of the township owners to transfer erven still held under various township title deeds.