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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1377**

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**1377. Mr M K Montwedi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

(a) By what date does she envisage to finalise the land restitution claim submitted by the Barolong boo Maiketso Community Property Association in the North West and (b) what are the reasons for the delays in settling the specified land claim? **NW1570E**

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

1. A date cannot be determined because this claim is settled in phases with a total extent of the land claimed and accepted being 87175.8062. To date the office has settled 42824.4330 and transferred 40255.1375 to the Restitution beneficiaries registered at Borolong boo Maiketso CPA.

The Commission is still continuing to engage with the various stakeholders towards the finalisation of the claim. It is important to note that the outstanding hectares under claim are owned by multiple landowners and the office is settling outstanding portions based on progressive discussions with the various landowners.

1. Since the land restitution administrative process is dependent on those land owners who are willing to sell their properties for the settlement of the claim, and are not contesting the validity of the claim the process is delayed by those farmers who are contesting validity on the outstanding hectares due for settlement. Some of the parcels will be referred to the Land Claims Court in terms of section 14 of the Restitution Act for determination.

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