**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 1494**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 10 JULY 2020**

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**Mr N P Masipa (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

(a) What is the current status of the investigation by the Special Investigating Unit in terms of Proclamation R 7 of 2014, published in the *Government Gazette* No 37346 on 14 February 2014, and (b) by what date is it envisaged that the specified investigation will be concluded?

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**REPLY:**

I have been informed by the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) that Proclamation R7 of 2014 published in the *Government Gazette* No. 37346 on 14 February 2014, was amended by Proclamation R599 of 2015 published in the *Government Gazette* No. 38985 on 10 July 2015 and again amended by Proclamation R32 of 2017 published in the *Government Gazette* No. 41165 on 6 October 2017.

Proclamation R7 of 2014 and certain amendments of Proclamation R599 of 2015 investigated matters: (1) at the Bloemfontein, Cape Town and Pretoria Registrar of Deeds Offices; and also investigated (2) irregularities by the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform in relation to the e-Cadastre Project (Gijima).

The investigations into matters (1) and (2) above have been concluded and the final

reports were submitted to the Presidency on 26 March 2020.

Proclamation R599 of 2015 mandated the SIU to investigate matters at the Johannesburg Registrar of Deeds. Proclamation R32 of 2017 mandated the SIU to investigate matters at the Vryburg Registrar of Deeds. Both investigations are still ongoing and they are expected to be completed by the end of the 2020/2021 financial year.