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**QUESTION 1515**

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**1515. Mr M K Montwedi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

(a) What number of land claims lodged before the 1998-deadline still need to be settled, (b) on what date is it intended that the specified claims will be settled, (c) where are the outstanding claims and (d) what amount of money is it estimated to cost her department to settle all outstanding land claims? **NW2838E**

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

1. 8940 is inclusive of pure and phased claims (and this figure is still subject to external audit and verification audit)
2. In order to accelerate the settlement of claims, the Commission on Restitution of Lands Rights participated in the Operation Phakisa of Agriculture Land Reform and Rural Development and as a result the services of external experts were used in the development of a Backlog Reduction Strategy which is still in progress for settlement of all old order land claims (lodged as at 31 December 1998). The Commission at this point is unable to provide specific dates, however the Annual Performance Plan is used as baseline to determine the number of claims to be settled per financial year.

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|  | **Total claims as at 1st October 2019****(subject to verification)** |
| **Province** |
| Eastern Cape  | 805 |
| Free State  | 8 |
| Gauteng  | 460 |
| KwaZulu-Natal  | 3270 |
| Limpopo  | 1501 |
| Mpumalanga  | 2036 |
| North West  | 233 |
| Northern Cape  | 88 |
| Western Cape  | 539 |
| **TOTAL**  | **8940** |

1. The completion of the Backlog Reduction Strategy will assist in the cost estimation for the settlement of the old order outstanding claims.