**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1560**

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**1560. Mr K P Robertson (DA) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

1. With reference to a report submitted to him in 2016 after a fact-finding visit to the Laphumilanga Trust (IT 1372/2007), (a) what recommendations were made by the report, (b) by what date will the recommendations be implemented, (c) by what date will the report be made available to the public and (d) why has no feedback been provided to the beneficiaries of the trust to date;
2. whether, with reference to the four trustees of the specified trust (names furnished), who have been serving on the trust since its establishment in 2008, any action will be taken in terms of section 5.1 and section 5.7.6 of the specified trust’s deed against any of the four trustees for serving as trustees in contravention of the specified trust’s own deed; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;

(3) whether any steps will be taken by his department to revive the specified trust’s project; if not, why not; if so, (a) by what date will the new board of trustees be established and (b) what are the further relevant details in this regard? **NW1761E**

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

1. The Department is not in possession of the report referred to.

 (a),(b),(c) Falls away.

1. There are six trustees whose names appear on the Letter of Authority. One of them, Cornelius Johannes Vlok, has since died. The remaining five are still active. The Trust has not had an Annual General Meeting (AGM) for quite some time, hence the intervention by the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform to ensure that the project is resuscitated and necessary processes followed.
2. Yes.
3. The AGM to appoint new trustees was held on 25 November 2017. The following members were appointed:

1. John Busakwe as Chairperson

2. Hamilton Vuso as Vice Chairperson

3. Hester Pullen as Secretary

4. Elthia Kievits as Assistant Secretary

5. Mary Ngene as Treasurer

1. Membership verification has been done and the verification report was discussed at the meeting of 25 November 2017.