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**QUESTION:**

**1563. Mr N P Masipa (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

**QUESTION:**

(a) "What is the (a) extent of the commonage land in the North West and (b) current usage of the commonage land;

(2) whether the commonage land has water rights to allow farming to take place; if not, what steps will her department take to ensure that there are water rights; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether there are farming activities taking place on the commonage land; if not, why not; if so, what farming activities are taking place on the pieces of land;

(4) whether she will furnish Mr N P Masipa with the (a) relevant information regarding land that has been invaded and (b) action(s) that were taken regarding the situation; if not, why not; if so, on what date?

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**REPLY:**

The issues relating to the commonage land are managed and administered by the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform. The Honourable member is advised to direct this question to the said department.