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**QUESTION 1640**

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**1640 Mrs A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural** **Development:**

Whether her department provides quarterly reports to District Six claimants; if not, why not; if so, what method is used to communicate to the claimants? **NW1967E**

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

Yes. The Department submits quarterly progress reports to the Land Claims Court, the District 6 Working Committee, and the District 6 Reference Group (which both represent that largest claimant groupings in District 6) amongst others.

The report covers all aspects of the redevelopment and is accessible to all claimants. This is over and above the engagements we have with claimants that walk into our offices, contact us via telephone/email, WhatsApp etc. and the engagements we have with their appointed representative groupings.

Last year, the Department with the District 6 Reference Group hosted a consultation process where each verified claimant was invited to our Mowbray Offices to be briefed on current progress and developments in District 6.

This process was done under strict Covid protocol and took place over a 4-week period to allow for claimants to attend in small groups, where they could ask questions and get responses. This process was undertaken for the specific need to updating claimants and addressing their concerns in person.

 Further, we also address the members of the District Six Working Committee when invited.

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