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**QUESTION 1656**

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**1656. Mr D W Bryant (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

1. Whether, with regard to the ongoing unlawful land invasions at the Knoflokskraal site that continue to pose significant challenges to the Grabouw plantation and the surrounding communities, and considering the financial and security impacts, she has launched an investigation into the alleged involvement of political parties in the invasions in the past year; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what were the findings;
2. whether she will consider laying charges against organisations and/or political parties found to have encouraged or facilitated unlawful occupations of the specified plantation; if not, why not; if so, what (a) total number of unlawful occupants are currently residing on the site and (b) are the further, relevant details? **NW1983E**

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

1. The Department of Agriculture Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) established that the specified property at the Knoflokskraal site does not fall under its custodianship but is under the custodianship of the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI). DALRRD therefore, has not launched any investigation on this property.

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