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**1719. Ms S J Graham (DA) asked the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

What number of vacant properties owned by her department (a)**(53)**have been subjected to land invasions and (b)(i)**(9)**were successful in preventing land invasion, (ii)**(32)**were unsuccessful in preventing land invasion and are currently occupied and (iii**)(12)** has been the subject of legal processes for trespassing and/or eviction orders in 2019 and 2020? **NW2109E**

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**REPLY:**

**The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

I was informed by the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure as follows:

(a) Number of vacant properties subjected to land invasions.

Bloemfontein =1 (One)

Cape Town = 4 (Four)

Durban = 8 (Eight)

Johannesburg = 0 (Nil)

Kimberley = 3 (Three)

Mmabatho = 3 (Three)

Nelspruit =9 (Nine)

Polokwane = 2 (two)

Port Elizabeth = 9 (Nine)

Pretoria = 0 (Nil)

Umthatha = 14 (Fourteen)

**TOTAL = 53**

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| No. | Regional Office  | (i) | (ii) | (iii) |
|  |  | **List of sites:**successful in preventing land invasion | **List of sites:**unsuccessful in preventing land invasion and are currently occupied | **List of sites:**the subject of legal processes for trespassing and/or eviction orders in 2019 and 2020 |
| 1 | **Nelspruit Regional Office** |  | * Portion 2 of the Farm Dingwell 276 JT.
* Farm Ingrid 591 JU
* Farm Rooiduiker 591 JU
* Farm Vaalribok 547 JU
* Farm Langrand 457 JT
* Farm Lindenau 303 JT
* Portion 23 of the Farm Valschfontein 33 JS
 | * Farm Masoyi Police Station 74 JU
* Farm Mimosa 557 JU
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| 2 | **Cape Town** | * Portion of Farm 421 Doring Bay
 | * ERF 1117 Blaauwberg
* Farm 295 Grabouw
* Portion 65 of Farm 82 RoodeZand, Worcester (Known as Sandhills)
 | NONE |
| 3 | **Kimberley**  | * Erf 1 Danielskuil
 | * Erf 6983 Kimberley, eviction process is underway
 | * Erf 1 Danielskuil and Erf 6983 Kimberley
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| 4 | **Mthatha** | * 3Erf 14040 at Police Camp in Mthatha
* Erf 265 Sprigg Street in Mthatha
* Erf 264 Main Street Port St Johns
 | * Erf 85 Tsomo
* Erf 200 Mthatha
* Erf 7547 Ntusi Street, Mthatha
* Erf 1950 in Mthatha
* Erf 1952 in Mthatha
* Erf 1963 in Mthatha
* Erf 8711 in Mthatha
* Erf 234 in Mthatha
* Erf 8328 in Mthatha and
* Erf 170 Port St Johns
 | * Erf 920 in Mthatha
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| 5 | **Durban** | * Remainder of Erf 77 Howick (17 Theed Street, Howick)
 | * Rem of Portion 69 of the farm Reserve No. 7A No. 15826,
* Rem of Portion 3 of the farm Veelgeluk No. 171
* Portion 4 of the farm RietVallei No. 1043
* Erf 500 La Lucia (1 Oakleigh Avenue, La Lucia)
* Erf 387 Rose Hill (148 Manfred Drive, Park Hill, Durban North)
* Erf 550 Scottburgh (43 Erskine Street, Scottburgh)
 | * Erf 1878 Amanzimtoti (13 Dickens Road, Athlone Park, Amanzimtoti
 |
| 6 | **Port Elizabeth** |  | * Farm 45, Draaibosch

Komga,* Farm 114, Kommetjiesleegte Outspan

East London,* Farm 356, Black Hill Outspan
* East London,

Farm 866 PT 1,East London RD, | * Farm 871, Grey dell

East London,* Farm 871 PT 1, Grey dell

East London,* Farm 871 PT 3, Grey dell

East London,* Farm 276 PT 1, PlaasDonkerhoek,
* AlbanyFarm 304, Nahoon Dam

East London, |
| 7 | **Johannesburg** | NONE | NONE | NONE |
| 8 | **Bloemfontein** |  | * ERF 8225 Portion 1,Thabong, Welkom
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| 9 | **Pretoria** | NONE | NONE | NONE |
| 10 | **Mmabatho** | * Portion 4 of the farm Zandpan 423 IP,
* Portion 24 and 34 of Rustenburg town and Townlands 272 JQ,
* Portion 1 of farm Wildebeestfontein 274 JQ
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| 11 | **Polokwane** |  |  | * PT 13 of Farm Tempelhof 150 MS
* Remainder of Farm Loskop North 12 JS
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|  | **TOTAL** | **9** | **32** | **12** |

**Closing statement:**

The department managed to deploy various strategies on the prevention of land invasion and that includes the 9 vacant land, amongst the strategies to be deployed the department is planning to procure the services of the Security Companies to patrol the land and forge the relationship with various municipalities to collaborate and share intelligence on the land prevention strategies.

The department is also intending to collaborate with community leaders, civil activists and whistle blowers in order to receive information of potential threats on land invasion and act immediately upon receipt of such information to prevent further land invasions, also to report cases to South African Service to assist with the arrest of the trespassers and distraction of informal structures within 24 hours.