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**QUESTION 1723**

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**1723. Mrs G Opperman (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

1. Whether she will furnish Mrs G Opperman with a list of claimants of the Community Property Association (CPA) of Loeriesfontein in the Hantam Local Municipality who have been struggling for 25 years to receive their communal land;
2. (a) what number of claimants of the Loeriesfontein CPA have deceased and (b) on what date will the claimants receive their ancestral land;

(3) what mechanisms are in place to ensure the CPA of Loeriesfontein becomes sustainable and economically viable? **NW3123E**

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

(1). Please find attached original list of 240 claimant beneficiaries.

(2). (a) Of the 240 claimant beneficiaries on the original verified list, 91 are deceased. There is a need to regularly update the verification list by the CPA to replace household representatives of those that passed away.

(b) Hantam Municipality donated the land (Commonages A, B and C) for restitution purposes. Commonage A was transferred to the CPA on 30 March 2017 However, this property is currently being used by the emerging farmers under a formal lease agreement with Hantam Municipality. The municipality is yet to issue the tenants with termination letters so that the CPA can fully occupy the land. The CPA can only occupy the land once the current tenants have been relocated elsewhere.

(3). There was a need for regularisation of the CPA and a new Executive Committee was elected on 05 November 2019. In addition, a panellist has been appointed to assist the CPA on disputes regarding access to the land.