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**QUESTION 1797**

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**1797.Ms T M Mbabama (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Whether, (a) with reference to the 2019-20 Annual Report of the Ingonyama Trust Board (ITB) which showed that there is no evidence which confirms that traditional communities on trust land have actually benefited from the increase in revenue as a result of converting Permissions To Occupy to leases and (b) in response to the Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development the Chairperson of the ITB, (name furnished) said the funds were held in trust, her department has taken any steps to ensure that the rightful beneficiaries of the trust receive clinics, schools, electricity, water, good roads and other basic service needs from the proceeds of the rentals on their land; if not, what is her department’s position in this regard; if so, what (i) steps has her department taken and (ii) benefits have accrued to the beneficiaries in the past five years? **NW2188E**

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

1. No.The Auditor-General has not yet concluded the audit of the ITB for 2019/20 Financial Year.
2. No.The provision of schools, clinics, water, electricity, roads and other basic services remains the primary obligation of government and are not catered for in the Ingonyama Trust Act.

(i),(ii) Falls away.