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**QUESTION 1953**

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**1953. Mr N P Masipa (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

1. What are the relevant details of the (a) costs to her department of building the 35 houses at Mtsweni-Letswalo Communal Property Association (CPA) in the Emakhazeni Local Municipality and (b) contractors who did the work if work was done through awarding tenders;
2. what are the details of the current farming and/or business activities regarding the purchase of the (a) Paardeplaats and (b) Rietfontein farms which add up to a total of 377 ha;

(3) whether her department is considering to divide the farms and provide each owner with a title deed; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW2293E**

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

(1)(a) Details of the cost of building 35 houses are:

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| **DETAILS OF THE COST** | **Qty** | **Rate** | **Amount** |
| Planning and design services by architectural, civil and electrical engineer. Including construction supervision and monitoring for 12 months | 1 | R1 813 440,05 | R1 813 440,05 |
| Construction of 64m2 house, with three-bedroom, open plan kitchen and living room, bathroom with shower and toilet,  | 35 | R 433 297,31 | R15 165 405,85 |
| Off-grid 5Kva solar power producing 10KWh per day, with power bank for two days. Including 150L Solar Geysers installed on 35 houses and 1 RDP house built by Municipality for storm damage victim was also powered with solar | 36 | R 176 975,14 | R 6 371 105,04 |
| Sewer reticulation and septic tanks installed to two sites divided by national highway in Paardeplaats Farm | 2 | R 961 865,51 | R 1 923 731,02 |
| Sewer reticulation and septic tanks installed to two sites divided by river stream in Rietfontein | 2 | R 300 178,75 | R 600 357,50 |
| Water reticulation in two sites in Paardeplaats including two 20 000L Elevated tanks, drilling of two Boreholes equipped with refurbished of old windmills  | 2 | R 635 216,26 | R 1 270 432,52 |
| Water reticulation in two sites in Rietfontein including two 10 000L Elevated tanks, drilling of two Boreholes equipped with new of solar pumps | 2 | R 486 695,00 | R 973 390,00 |
| Rehabilitation of 4KM gravel access road in Rietfontein and rehabilitation of site drainage in Paardeplaats Farm | 1 | R 797 421,00 | R 797 421,00 |

1. The details of the contractors who did the work is Masikhane Civil Contractors CC of 855 Longclaw Flight Street, Hazeview 1242 with registration number 1999/011128/23 and CIDB registration number 110071.

(2) Details of current farming and/or business activities:

1. The Department purchased the Remaining Extent of portion 15 of the farm Paardeplaats 380 JT measuring 39.9301 in settlement of 6 labour tenants claims and secured land tenure of 59 farm dwellers. The current agricultural activities are subsistence farming in the form of crops and livestock. The Department is in engagement with the beneficiaries to assist with other development activities.
2. The Department purchased portion 7 of the farm Rietfontein 365 JT measuring 126.1129 and portion 17 of the farm Rietfontein 365 JT measuring 212.5430 which makes a total of 338.6559 in extent in settlement of 2 labour tenants claims and secured land tenure of 23 farm dwellers. The current agricultural activities are subsistence farming in the form of crops and livestock. The Department is in engagement with the beneficiaries to assist with other development activities.

(3) Yes. The Department has assisted the communities to establish legal entities namely; Siyaphumula Communal Property Associations for Paardeplaats community and Mtsweni-Letswalo Communal Property Associations for Rietfontein community. Should the CPAs take a resolution to allocate title deeds to each household, the Department will then assist with subdivision and transfer of land to individual households in title guided by policy provisions.