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**2020. Mr N P Masipa (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Considering that at the Subtrop Transformation Summit held in Tzaneen on 26 May 2022, she pointed out that the Government was ready to deal with the contentious issue of national communal land tenure and in taking steps towards the regularisation of communal land rights, what (a) percentage and (b) hectarage of communal land is currently not surveyed in (i) the Republic and (ii) each province? **NW2285E**

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

The available data is of communal land comprising traditional council areas, as derived from proclamations defining the areas of jurisdiction of traditional councils. Such traditional council areas are situated on the underlying surveyed farms and farm portions. Traditional council areas have not been surveyed for purposes of regularisation of communal land rights.

(a) (i) 96 percent of communal land is currently not surveyed in South Africa.

(b) (i) 13 420 197.89 hectares of communal land is currently not surveyed in South Africa.

(a)(ii),(b)(ii) Please refer to the table below.

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| **Provinces** | **(a)(ii) Percentage** | **(b)(ii) Hectarage** |
| Eastern Cape | 90.1 | 3 533 227.74 |
| Free State | 97.1 | 137 955.91 |
| Gauteng | 93.2 | 7 466.36 |
| KwaZulu Natal | 99.5 | 3 353 136.65 |
| Limpopo | 98.8 | 2 839 458.40 |
| Mpumalanga | 97.3 | 655 812.14 |
| North West | 99.7 | 1 983 864.31 |
| Northern Cape | 99.9 | 909 276.38 |
| Western Cape | 0 | 0 |