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**QUESTION 2206**

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**2206. Mrs Y N Yako (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

1. With reference to her reply to question 769 on 31 March 2022, (a) what progress has been made to date with the verification of beneficiaries of the land claim of the Lower Zingcuka in Keiskammahoek in the Eastern Cape and (b) on what date does she anticipate the conclusion of the verification process;

(2) whether she has found that her department will meet its target of settling the land claim by the third quarter of the 2022-23 financial year; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW2614E**

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

1. The verification process was conducted on the **8th -14th May 2022** in Lower Zingcuka. Out of the original list of 160 households /ODIs that was submitted as the families that were affected by the dispossession, the Commission has verified **154** households that have submitted the necessary documents and 6 households have not been verified.

The outstanding 6 families have outstanding documents which have not been submitted to the Commission, it is however alleged that the list of ODIs is not comprehensive and the Commission will not entertain the allegations without comprehensive documentation submitted as evidence.

The Commission has scheduled a follow up visit for 22 July 2022 for the second phase to collect documents from the 6 families and receive any other information and records from any other party alleging that they are part of the claim.

1. It is anticipated that the verification process will be completed by 30 August 2022 barring any challenges that emanate from the community concerned.
2. The claim is projected to be settled in Quarter 3 of 2022/23 Financial Year, on condition that the Commission receives full co-operation from the community in submitting all the required documentation.

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