**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION: 2407**

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**Ms A STEYN (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND REFORM:**

(a) What is the total amount in rental income that her department received from the leasing of farms (i) in each of the past three financial years and (ii) since 1 April 2018, (b) what is the (i) name and (ii) location, including global positioning system co-ordinates, of each farm, (c) under which land reform programmes of her department is each farm leased, (d) why has full ownership of each farm not been transferred to the beneficiaries to date and (e) by what date does her department intend to transfer the ownership of each farm? **NW2655E**

**REPLY:**

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

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| **Province** | **2015/2016** | **2016/2017** | **2017/2018** | **Since April 2018** |
| EASTERN CAPE | 631 993.99 | 1 039 008.04 | 711 718.52 | 202 887 |
| FREE STATE | 1 465 123.52 | 1 687 180.76 | 1 943 739.27 | 327 429 |
| GAUTENG | 351 422.51 | 593 502.09 | 499 167.72 | 430 00 |
| KWAZULU-NATAL | 430 625.41 | 1 716 154.11 | 1 197 198.69 | 156 789 |
| LIMPOPO | 599 266.68 | 660 528.17 | 1 402735.35 | 49 360 |
| MPUMALANGA | 1 726 532.65 | 10 195 210.48 | 13 794 929.66 | 1 195 428 |
| NORTH WEST | 941 738.29 | 2 840210.6 | 241 0344.04 | 870 755 |
| NORTHERN CAPE | 554 800.29 | 735 896.8 | 424 769.47 | 146 007 |
| WESTERN CAPE | 596 700.64 | 842 972.14 | 879 06.92 | 963 29 |
| **Total** | **7 298 203.98** | **20 310 663.19** | **22 472 509.64** | **3 087 984** |

(b)(i),(ii) ,(c) Please refer to **Annexure A**.

(d) With regard to properties not transferred under the Restitution Programme, there are conflicts amongst claimants that impact on their ability to take ownership. With regard to other programmes, properties have not been transferred since the current government policy provides for leasing of state land with an option to purchase. The transfer must therefore be preceded by a lease and the exercise of an option.

(e) Properties under the Restitution Programme will be transferred to the claimants as soon as the instability and disputes are resolved amongst claimants. The balance of the properties will be transferred after the relevant farmers exercise their option to purchase.