**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO: 2653**

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**Mr R K PURDON (DA) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND REFORM:**

1. With reference to the reply to question 3275 on 13 November 2017, (a) what is the current status of the outstanding land claims lodged for the (i) Tamboekiesvlei Farm 858, Portions 1 to 16 and (ii) Tamboekiesvlei Farm 859, Portions 1 to 3, in the Raymond Mhlaba Local Municipality in the Eastern Cape and (b) what is the status of Section 42D which was due to be submitted in the last quarter of the 2017-18 financial year;
2. whether her department will assist with the (a) removal and (b) relocation of illegal occupants; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
3. what is the expected timeframe for claimants to receive their title deeds;

(4) whether her department will assist the claimants with regard to restoration? **NW2942E**

**REPLY**

1. (a),(i),(ii),(b) The office is currently waiting for the recommendations of the valuation from the Office of the Valuer General. The community will receive financial compensation. The State Land Unit will upgrade their tenancy rights to ownership.
2. (a),(b) The people occupying the claimed land will not be removed or relocated; the claimants have agreed to continue residing with them.
3. The Department is unable to set timeframes for transfer of title deeds, as the claim is not yet settled due to the outstanding valuation report from the Office of the Valuer General.
4. Yes. The Department will upgrade the claimant community´s tenure rights on the claimed land.