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**2683. Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

(a) How many land claimant verifications have been done for the Ndabeni land claim, (b) what is the reason for having so many, (c) which companies have been appointed to do the verifications and (d) what amount has the department spent on these claimant verifications? **NW2990E**

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

1. The land claimant verification for the Kwandabeni claim was conducted on three occasions in 2012, 2013 and 2015. It has to be noted that the final verification list was to be taken to the community for objection and comments. However, this could not materialize due to conflicts experienced within the Kwandabeni claimant community.

1. The lack of continuity is the reason why there have been many verifications as new Trustees after elections would not continue with the verification that was conducted during the tenure of the erstwhile Trustees.
2. The verification was done internally by the Office of the Regional Land Claims Commissioner.
3. No amount was spent by the Department.