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**2684. Ms V Ketabahle (EFF) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

What motivated his department’s attempt to force the Ndabeni claimants to dissolve the community Trust they had established in favour of registering a Communal Property Association? **NW2991E**

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

The Department has not attempted to force Ndabeni claimants to dissolve the community trust, but impressed upon claimants that their needs and aspirations would be optimized much better through a democratic and accountable legal entity like a Communal Property Association than by a Trust where consultations with beneficiaries are not as focussed and or required. Trusts are under the oversight of the Master of the High Court, whereas Communal Property Associations are under the oversight of the Department.