# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WRITTEN REPLY

**QUESTION 2701**

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**2701. Mr N P Masipa (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

1. What is the (a) extent of the commonage land in the Eastern Cape and (b) current usage of the commonage land;
2. whether the commonage land has water rights to allow farming to take place; if not, what steps will her department take to ensure that there are water rights; if so, what are the relevant details;
3. whether there are farming activities taking place on the commonage land; if not, why not; if so, what farming activities are taking place on the parcels of land;
4. whether she will furnish Mr N P Masipa with the relevant information regarding (a) commonage land that has been invaded and (b) the action(s) that were taken regarding the situation; if not, why not; if so, by what date? **NW3214E**

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

(1) (a) 57 406, 6707 hectares.

(b) The current usage of the land is for livestock, crop production, and settlement.

1. The commonage land belongs to different municipalities and they will assist the beneficiaries should the need for water rights arises.
2. Yes. Please refer to **Annexure A.**
3. No. There are no reports of any invasion of commonage land that has been reported to the Department by the Municipalities.
   1. ,(b) Falls away.

**ANNEXURE A OF NA-QUES 2701 OF 2021**

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| Property Description | Hectares  Acquired | Production  Type | Water  Rights | Invasions |
| Ptn 0 of the farm No: 7/R Macleantown, East London | 245,0000 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Remaining Extent of Farm No.313, Remaining Extent of Farm No.314, Remaining Extent of Farm No.315, Remaining Extent of farm No.316, Remaining Extent of Farm No.317,  Remaining Extent of Farm No.318 and Remaining Extent of Farm No.319, Stockenstrom. | 148,7439 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Ptn 0 of the farm Hogsback no178, Ptn 0 of the farm Hogsback no182, Stockenstrom | 1019,0000 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Remaining Extent and Portion 1 of Farm Buxton Commonage No.1316 | 615,0000 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Ptn 1 of the farm no: 950 Gonzana, Stockenstrom RD | 650,0000 | Settlement | Unknown | Unknown |
| Remaining Extent of Farm No.162 and Remaining Extent of Farm No.188, Victoria East | 1109,6571 | Settlement | Unknown | Unknown |
| Remaining Ext of Farm Keibolo No 37; Remaining Ext of Farm Elfin No 38 Elfin, Stutterheim RD | 1568,8953 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Ptn 0 of the farm No: 129. EAST LONDON RD | 212,8977 | Settlement | Unknown | Unknown |
| Portion 3 of the Farm 149, Remainder of farm 148 | 698,6132 | Crops | Unknown | Unknown |
| Remaining Extent of Farm KARKOTS KRAAL No.116; Remaining Extent of Farm No.391 | 1600,0000 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Ptn 1 of the Farm 129; Erven 466; 467; 468 | 2448,9494 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| 358/80,81,102,103,104,110,302,303,304,325,327,328,329,330,334,335,336,337; 366/1,2 | 476,0000 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Remaining Extent of Farm No.334, Graaf Reinet | 973,0000 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| 280/R8,343/R,344/R,345,346/R1,347/R,372/2,373/R2 | 700,1537 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Ptn 1 of the farm Klipplaat Commonage no214; Ptn 0 of the farm Klipplaat Commonage no214; Ptn 3 of the farm Klipplaat Commonage no257, Jansenville | 4263,9206 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Ptn 0 of the Farm Kareedouw no797, Humansdorp | 1123,0000 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of Farm Groote Vlei No.146, Baviaans | 1326,7477 | Settlement | Unknown | Unknown |
| Portion 1 of Farm No.55, Hankey | 522,8771 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Ptn 0 of the farm Grahamstown no240, Ptn 0 of the farm Grahamstown no241, Ptn 0 of the farm Grahamstown no335, Albany RD | 2070,1935 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Rem Ext of Portion 5 of the Farm BRAKFONTEIN No.241, Portion 8, 18 and 19 of the Farm KRUISFONTEIN No.249 | 597,7495 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Ptn 0 of the farm bushmans river no338, Ptn 5 of the farm Bushmans river 228, Bathutrust | 621,0000 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Remaining Extent and Portion 1 of the Farm No 145; Portion 1 and 4 of the Farm Cypress  Valley No.144, Aberdeen RD | 3920,0000 | Crops | Unknown | Unknown |
| Portion 1 of Farm No.128, Takastad | 3084,0000 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Lukhanji Commonage, Queenstown | 909,2616 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Ptn 2 of the farm commonage no164, Ptn 6 of the farm commonage no 164, Queenstown | 237,0256 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Ptn 4, 8 & 17 of the farm PAARDE KRAAL 64, Molteno RD | 741,0000 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Remaining extent of Portion 2, Portion 3, Portion 4 & 5 of the Farm Weltevreden No. 45 Division of Queenstown: and Remainder of Portions 1,2, &4 of farm Weltevrede Annex No.  196 Wodehouse Registration Division. | 1376,5635 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Portion 3, Portion 11, Portion 13, Portion 14 of Farm No.50; Portion 2, Portion 4, Portion 15 of Farm No.59; Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of Farm No.61, Venterstad | 5297,0000 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Remaining Extent of Farm No.26; Remaining Extent and Portion 12 of Farm No.32;  Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of Farm No.46, Lady Grey | 2591,0000 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Remaining Extent of Portion 2 and Portion 4 of Farm No.56; Remaining Extent of Farm No.189; Portion 1 of Farm No.190, Albert | 1700,0000 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Ptn 0 of the farm No: 236, WODEHOUSE RD | 171,4971 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Portion 4 and Portion 5 of Farm No.181; Portion 7 of the Farm No.180; Portion 2 and Portion  3 of the Farm No.181, Burgersdorp | 2079,0400 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Portion 1 of Farm No.72, Portion 17 of Farm No.73, Remaining Extent of Farm No.75, Remaining Extent of Farm No.76, Steynsburg | 1228,0000 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |
| Ptn 0,1, of the farm DRIEFONTEIN 168; Ptn 0 & 1 of the farm COFFEE FONTEIN 138 and Ptn 0 of the farm ANDERSON VREDE 263 Wodehouse RD | 3570,0000 | Crops | Unknown | Unknown |
| Remaining Extent and Portion 1 of Farm No.168; Remaining Extent and Portion 2 of Farm No.138; Remaining Extent of Farm No.263, Wodehouse | 3579,3911 | Crops | Unknown | Unknown |
| 62 Ruigterfontein, 12 Melkspruit, Fonteinskloof (61/4,5,6) | 2161,0000 | Crops | Unknown | Unknown |
| 177/2 (Dunkeld) Craigievar, 203/13 Portion of Portion12) Gelege Fontein, Albert RD | 1239,1463 | Crops | Unknown | Unknown |
| Remaining Extent, Portion 4 and Portion 9 of Farm Vaalkop No. 48, Venterstad | 531,3468 | Livestock | Unknown | Unknown |