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**QUESTION 2709**

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**2709. Ms E L Powell (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development: *[Interdepartmentally transferred from Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs with effect 3 December 2021]***

1. What total number of illegal land invasions have been recorded by her department in municipalities across the Republic since 1 January 2016;
2. what total number of structures have been recorded by her department to have been illegally erected in municipalities across the Republic since 1 January 2016;
3. what total number of hectares of state-owned land have been recorded by her department to have been lost to illegal land invasions since 1 January 2016;
4. what steps have been taken by her department to assist municipalities to deal with the rising tide of illegal land invasions across the Republic in recent years? **NW3222E**

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

1. None. The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development has no records of illegal land invasions in municipalities [land under administration of municipalities];
2. None, the records of structures illegally erected in municipalities shall be kept by municipalities and COGTA;
3. To date 11 511 hectares have been recorded to have been affected by illegal land invasions acquired through Proactive Land Acquisition Strategy.

Not all land has been lost on other state properties under the Minister, since the Department has taken steps as well as legal actions against land invasion and in some instances eviction court orders have been issued;

1. Falls away.