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**QUESTION 2802**

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**2802. 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 Northern 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? **NW3322E**

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

(1)(a) 734 583.8982 hectares.

(b) The current usage of the land is for livestock and crop farming.

1. The commonage land belongs to different municipalities and they will assist the beneficiaries should the need for water rights arise.
2. Yes. Please refer to [**Annexure A**](https://pmg.org.za/files/RNW2802ANNEXURE-A.pdf).

No. There are no reports of any invasion of commonage land that has been reported to the Department by the Municipalities

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