**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION: 3261**

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**MR NS MATIASE (EFF) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND REFORM:**

1. What (a) was the total settlement amount for the Mala-Mala land settlement deal, (b) is the current value of the land and (c) was the value of the land when the settlement deal was agreed to;

(2) whether any forensic investigations have been conducted into the settlement deal; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW3691E**

**REPLY:**

1. (a) R1 012 529 492.00 (one billion twelve million five hundred and twenty nine thousand four hundred and ninety two rand) inclusive of improvements.
2. The Commission has not conducted a new valuation and therefore does not know the current value.
3. The claim was settled at 71000ha x R13 184 totalling R934 360 000.00.
4. No forensic investigation has been undertaken. The Portfolio Committee on Rural Development and Land Reform at a meeting held on 13 June 2018 mentioned that I should institute a forensic investigation into Mala-Mala. The Acting Director-General indicated at the meeting that the Portfolio Committee’s request for the forensic investigation be directed to the Department in writing. I have not yet received written communication on the matter.