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**3682. Mrs L F Tito (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Noting how communal property associations are not regulated to an extent that they abuse the elderly beneficiaries out from an otherwise well-meaning restitution programme, what measures has she taken to extend the powers of her department, so as to deal with the office bearers of communal property associations who fleece the beneficiaries? **NW4508E**

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

Section 11 of the Communal Property Association Act 28 of 1996 provides for:

“An association or provisional association registered under this Act shall, at the prescribed times, furnish prescribed documents and information to the Director-General in order to enable him or her to monitor compliance with the provisions of the relevant constitution and this Act”.

The Director-General may undertake an inspection of the affairs of an association or provisional association. The Director General may; for the purposes of this ‘section-

* inspect and remove for copying any records, reports and other documents relating to the affairs of an association or provisional association; and
* subpoena persons who may have relevant information or documentation in respect of the affairs of an association or provisional association to appear before him or her to provide information or documentation in relation to the affairs of the association or provisional association, if the attendance of such persons cannot reasonably be procured otherwise.”