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**QUESTION 391**

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**391. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

In light of the fact that Parliament’s Ad Hoc Committee to Initiate and Introduce Legislation Amending Section 25 of the Constitution. to explicitly allow for land expropriation without compensation met on Friday, 12 February 2021, for the first time this year (details furnished), what are the reasons for the apparent rush to amend the Constitution which is taking precedence over a constitutional imperative that could very well see the amendment challenged in court should the process even appear to have been expedited? **NW397E**

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

The Ad Hoc Committee to Amend Section 25 of the Constitution, a Committee of Parliament, determined its programme on the amendment of section 25 of the Constitution without involving the Executive, as it is usually the case. The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development is therefore not privy to the reasons for determining the programme in the manner that it is said it has been done by Parliament.