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**3913. Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

1. How many (a) neglected and (b) attended farms have benefited from the current Proactive Land Acquisition Strategy programme in each of the provinces;
2. whether his department has any programmes in place to fast-track land reform; if not; why not, if so; what are the relevant details?  **NW4770E**

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

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| **Province** | 1. **Neglected Farms** | 1. **Attended Farms**   (Farms Acquired through PLAS) |
| Eastern Cape | An assessment of all PLAS farms has been conducted to determine their status. The Department will report on productive and non-productive farms resulting from issues such as lack of Strategic Partners, lease agreements, etc. in due course. | 232 |
| Free State | 229 |
| Gauteng | 182 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 229 |
| Limpopo | 97 |
| Mpumalanga | 268 |
| Northern Cape | 96 |
| North West | 185 |
| Western Cape | 54 |

(2) Yes. Apart from the Proactive Land Acquisition Strategy (PLAS) that is currently in place, the Office of the Valuer-General (OVG) was established in terms of the Property Valuation Act, 2014 and aims to address factors such as inconsistencies with land valuations, and the determination of compensation as provided in section 25(3) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996. The OVG will provide a compulsory valuation service in respect of property identified for land reform, amongst others, and a regulatory service which will entail setting criteria and procedures for valuation as well as monitoring valuations for compliance. The Department is also in the process of implementing the Policy on Strengthening Relative Rights Of People Working the Land (50/50 Policy Framework). Other programmes include the Recapitalisation and Development Programme, various tenure related reform programmes and the One Household One Hactare Progrmme. Furthermore the Department has established District Land Reform Committees (DLRCs) in all forty four (44) district municipalities. The DLRCs are composed of role players with specific skills to expedite land reform processes.