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**QUESTION 4105**

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**4105. Mr M N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

What (a) number of land claims that were instituted for land currently part of the Kruger National Park (KNP) by neighbouring communities of KNP are outstanding and (b) steps are being taken to address the specified claims? **NW5117E**

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

1. Five (5).
2. Four (4) claims have been settled in terms of Section 42D (financial compensation in lieu of lost improvements) but pending is the finalisation of implementation of the beneficiation scheme (post-settlement) facilitated by SanParks.

The 4 land claims are Gomondwane Community, Mahashi Community, Mhlanganisweni Community and Ngirivane-Mathebula Community

The 5th land claim was lodged by Phamneni Community has been published in the Government Gazette. The Commission on Restitution of Land Rights is in the process of appointing a service provider to conduct household verification and is targeted for settlement in the 2023/2024 financial year.

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