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**436. Mr M M Dlamini (EFF) asked the Minister of Public Works:**

Whether his department has found the necessary supporting documents which reportedly could not be found by the Auditor-General for leases to the tune of R800 million; if not, why not; if so, (a) for which buildings were the value leases, (b) for which departments were the buildings rented and (c) who owns the buildings?

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**REPLY:**

**The Minister of Public Works**

It must be noted that the alleged R800 million leases worth reported by the Auditor – General is a figure which was calculated for outstanding documents over a period of more than one financial year, and goes back about five years.

In 2013, the Department of Public Works launched a special lease review intervention aimed at identifying all active private leases and verifying lease validity for leases registered on the Department’s property management information system.

In 2014, a second special lease review intervention was launched with the aim of consolidating information and matching documentation (lease agreements).

As a result of the above lease interventions, all 2 619 active leases have valid lease documents and are logged on a master database.