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**638. Mr N Matiase (EFF) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

With reference to the people of Lower and Upper Zingcuka Location in Keiskammahoek in the Eastern Cape, who submitted their land claims for land restitution before 1998 and have had no indication to date of what has happened to their land claims, (a) when will his department finalise the specified community’s land claims, (b) how many land claims which have been submitted before the cut-off date in 1998 are still unresolved and (c) by when will his department resolve the specified land claims?  **NW751E**

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

1. Settlement of the specified claims is projected for Quarter 4 of 2016/2017 financial year. Finalization of the claims will dependent on all identified beneficiaries receiving restitution as per the settlement agreements.
2. As at 15 March 2016, 853 claims are outstanding.
3. All claims lodged before the cut-off date of 31 December 1998 will be researched by not later than 31 March 2017 as per the Strategic Plan and Annual Performance Plan submitted to Parliament during 2015.

Outstanding claims are all at different restitution phases, and will be finalized once all restitution phases have been completed.