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**QUESTION 642**

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**642. Mr K P Robertson (DA) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

1. (a) Who are the (i) beneficiaries and (ii) board of trustees of the Somhlolo Trust in Lothair, Mpumalanga, (b) were all beneficiaries verified before the finalisation of the claim and (c) on what date was the last meeting held by the board of trustees to discuss pertinent issues;

(2) are there any business concerns functioning on the specified property; if so, (a) who are they and (b) what share of income do they contribute back to beneficiaries;

(3) what is/are the (a) name(s) of the company(ies) and (b) contributable share(s) toward the beneficiaries of the specified trust;

(4) (a) who is/are the chief(s) who occupy the Somhlolo Trust land and (b) do they sit on the board of trustees?

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

1. (a) (i) Somhlolo Trust consists of 142 Originally Dispossessed Individuals and 1237 Total number of beneficiaries;

(ii) The Trustees are: Professional Trustees: Kenneth Mokoena (Attorney), Stefaan Sithole (Chartered Accountant), Ordinary Trustees: Fana Enock Nkosi, Qondeni Joseph Mathebula and Sonnyboy Mgazi Maseko. (Tete Elijah Nkosi and Dumisane Robert Mkomo are deceased).

1. The beneficiaries were verified before the finalization of the claim but the verification report was subsequently disputed. The Commission on Restitution of Land Rights together with the Trustees are currently in a process of verifying the beneficiaries again. The University of Pretoria has been engaged to undertake the process.
2. The last meeting of the Trustees was held on the 16th of November 2016.
3. (a)(b) There are no business concerns.
4. (a)(b) The Trustees have registered a Company called Zololor (Pty) Ltd which is fully owned by the Trust.
5. (a)(b) No Chief occupies Somhlolo Trust land .