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**QUESTION 799**

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**799. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform:**

(1) Whether the Bringwater farm in Wakkerstroom in the Pixley ka Seme Local Municipality in Mpumalanga is currently under any land restitution claims; if so, what is the status of such claims;

(2) is the owner of the specified farm allowed to evict the people who have lodged the claims for the land until the claims are finalised; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, how will his department be able to locate the specified claimants once the claim is finalised;

(3) whether he has found that his department’s issuing of letters of acknowledgement to both (a) owner and (b) claimant when receiving land restitution claims has proven effective; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;

(4) whether any mediation processes have been put in place to allow peaceful proceedings while his department is investigating the claim to ensure that no one is disadvantaged throughout the process; if not, (a) why not and (b) what must one do if there are no mediation processes; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW918E**

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

1. As at 27 March 2016 there are no claims lodged against the above property.
2. Falls away.
3. Falls away.
4. Falls away.