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 **Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**National Assembly : 829**

Please find attached a response to Parliamentary Questionfor ***written reply*** asked by **Prof C T Msimang (IFP) to the ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy**

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**Director General: Department of Mineral Resources and Energy**

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**Mr. S.G Mantashe**

**Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy**

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**829.** **Prof C T Msimang (IFP) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

With reference to the imbizo organised by his department in Pongola, KwaZulu-Natal, in the week of 2 March 2023 to provide feedback to stakeholders on the progress made with regard to the ex-mineworkers compensation fund programme, and to urge eligible claimants to continue with the lodgement process, what (a) are the full relevant details of the specified fund and (b) total number of ex-miners has benefited from the fund to date? **NW929E**

**Reply**

1. The ex-mineworker’s compensation fund programme is the government’s national campaign that tracks, traces and pay former mineworkers' unclaimed benefits, including provident funding and compensation for lung diseases contracted on the job. The Department of Health is responsible for providing compensation benefits to eligible current and ex-mineworkers for occupational lung diseases caused by hazardous exposures in the mines. It also administers the Fund in accordance with the Occupational Diseases of Mines and Works Act, 78 of 1973 which provides for the compensation of occupational injuries or occupational diseases contracted by employees during the course of their employment or death caused by such injuries or illness.
2. 77 403 claims to current and ex-mineworkers or their beneficiaries (if the mineworker is deceased) have been paid as of 27 March 2023 amounting to R2 470 806 271, 00 in South Africa and other countries.