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**953. Ms H Ismail (DA) asked the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

What steps are being taken by her department to protect and reclaim properties that have been illegally occupied and/or vandalised? **NW1196E**

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**REPLY:**

**The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

I have been informed by the Department that it is in a process of appointing an Independent Service Provider to assist with reclaiming, identification an audit of state-owned properties that are either illegally disposed of, unlawfully occupied, encroached, unregistered, unsurveyed and incorrectly vested.

Corrective measures shall be undertaken to evict illegal occupants and where possible regularise lease contracts with individuals who are qualifying to use the subject properties. The project would also include the reversal of illegally transferred land back to the custodianship of the National Government of the Republic of South Africa.

In addition to the above, the Department will also embark on the letting out of unutilised state- owned immovable assets to interested investors and communities.

Continuous safe guarding of land and active engagements with Courts to obtain eviction orders is also another measure which the Department is using to reclaim illegally occupied properties.