**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 988**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 29 MARCH 2018**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 16 APRIL 2018**

**Mr W Horn (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

How much land does (a) his department and (b) the entities reporting to him (i) own, (ii) have exclusive rights to and/or (iii) lease from the State to (aa) use and/or (bb) occupy?

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**REPLY:**

1. The Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (DoJ&CD) does not own any land or property. However it uses state owned properties that are under the custodianship of the National Department of Public Works.

In the effort of executing its mandate of administration of justice, the DoJ&CD’s Courts make use of physical assets in the form of courts and office buildings. The Department is accommodated in 672 state-owned properties and is leasing only 120 buildings mainly offices throughout the country. In an effort to strike a balance, the composition of the Departments portfolio lies within an acceptable ratio of 80% state owned and 20% leased building.

1. The entities reporting to me have reported as follows:
2. **LEGAL AID SOUTH AFRICA:**

Legal Aid SA owns seven (7) pieces of land per the table below. All properties are used for as Legal Aid SA’s local offices.

| **No.** | **Local Office** | **Physical Address** | **ERF M2** | **Building M2** | **Usage** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Gauteng Province** |
| 1. | National Office | ERF 441029 de Beer Street Braamfontein | 1,490 | 8,289 | Used as Legal Aid SA’s National Office |
| 2. | Krugersdorp  | ERF 173751 Burger Street Krugersdorp,Mogale CityGauteng1740 | 495 | 1,298 | Krugersdorp local office (Refurbishment in progress and will be occupied on 01 June 2018) |
| 3. | Benoni  | ERF 88418 Howard Avenue Benoni 1501 | 595 | 1,696 | Benoni local office. (Refurbishment will commence on 01 June 2018 and will be occupied on 01 October 2018) |
| **North-West Province** |
| 4. | Litchenburg  | ERF 195625 Bantjies StreetLitchenburg2740 | 1,086 | 258 | Lichtenburg local office |
|  | **Free State Province** |
| 5. | Welkom  | Archiquant Building8 Heerent StreetWelkom9460 | 373 | 1,073 | Welkom local office |
| **Mpumalanga Province** |
| 6. | Middleburg  | ERF 408Middleburg Township Tshwete Local Municipality1050 | 996 | 616 | Middelburg local office |
| 7. | Witbank  | ERF 10917 Botha Street, WitbankMpumalanga Province1035 | 2,231 | 1,548 | Witbank local office  |

**N.B**: The Polokwane and Mitchells Plain Offices operate directly from court buildings

maintained by the State.

The Nelspruit Office will in the near future operate from a state owned court building.

1. **SPECIAL INVESTIGATING UNIT**

The Special Investigating Unit does not rent or/and have any exclusive rights on any State owned land.