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1327. Mr G R Morgan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) (a) Why has the Department of Water Affairs not paid the expropriation payment of R423 500 to the previous owner by 30 April 2012 for the remainder of Portion 5 of the farm Beaufort No. 32, Registration Division: LT, Limpopo Province after the expropriation came into effect on or about 5 February 2012, (b) when can the previous owner expect payment and (c) what is the role of a certain official in her department (name and details furnished) in the delay of paying the specified amount to the previous owner;
- (2) whether the said official is being investigated for racial discrimination towards the previous owner of the portion of land; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) The payment to the owner of the farm was not done by 30 April 2012 as the Department still needed to verify the amount being claimed by the owner before making any payment.
- (1)(b) An amount of R466 545 was paid on 9 May 2012 into the owner of the farm's account instead of the R423 500 which was inclusive of solatium as per the valuation report conducted by JH Boshoff Rural and Urban Evaluations. They were contracted by the Department of Public Works on behalf of the Department with a difference of R43 045 for value added tax (VAT). The Department is currently looking at the objection to the offer by the farm owner through his attorneys Len Dekker & Associates.
- (1)(c) The role of officials within the Department is to verify the amount being claimed before payment could be made.
- (2) As there has been no official complaint, there is therefore no official is being investigated for racial discrimination towards the farm owner.

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