



**MINISTRY: PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR ORAL REPLY

QUESTION NO.: 154.

Mr T R Majola (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:

Why did he agree to include occupation of traditional land, with the permission of the relevant traditional leader, as a form of home ownership for the purposes of the Government Employees' Housing Scheme? NO1929E

REPLY

In terms of PSCBC Resolution 7 of 2015 clause 4.5.7 "Employees residing on communal land with valid permission to occupy shall be deemed to be home-owners". Such employees are deemed to be home-owners for the sole purpose of ensuring that they access the correct housing allowance. This arrangement serves to support employees who reside in rural areas and/or communal land areas, who would otherwise be unnecessarily and unjustifiably prejudiced and disadvantaged if they were to be classified as tenants. Furthermore, this approach serves to support the overall rural development strategy of government by ensuring that rural public service points such as schools, health care facilities, etc are operated by personnel who enjoy enabling conditions of service.