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Mr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Whether he has received the report on corruption in the Land Bank; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, when will he publish the report;
- (2) whether any criminal prosecution will be instituted as a result of this report; if not, why not; if so, (a) when, (b) against whom and (c) on what charges;
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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Reply:

- (1) The Land Bank has informed the Minister of Finance of the forensic investigations regarding alleged irregularities. The Land Bank's Board is in charge of the investigations and has appointed independent investigators.
- (2) Due legal process will be followed. In instances where the investigations have been concluded the reports were handed over by the Land Bank to the relevant prosecuting authorities. In certain cases the independent investigators recommended further investigations. This has been undertaken and when concluded will be handed over to the relevant prosecuting authorities.
- (3) If, upon conclusion of the investigations, the Minister determines that it would be in the public interest to make a statement, he might do so.