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Of the 357 unlawfully used properties, 120 are located in the eThekwin Metro, with the remainder scattered throughout the province, including in Ulundi, a former government village.

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The three MECs later signed a memorandum of understanding committing their departments to work together to ensure that available Public Works land is used to drive economic growth.

Meyer said the verification process included buildings, land parcels and various other infrastructure.

“This was a lengthy but crucial process undertaken by our dedicated team of officials, who patiently and meticulously carried out physical inspections of all our assets, comparing them to our existing records.”

He said that this is the first time in the department’s history that such a thorough, on-site audit has been conducted across all state-owned properties in KwaZulu-Natal.

As a result, the department has confirmed ownership of a total of 10 067 assets.

Meyer emphasised the importance of the exercise, particularly in light of ongoing issues with hijacked properties, abandoned sites and underutilised public assets.

“While progress is being made in addressing these challenges, it remains vital that we account for every property, especially as these are funded through taxpayers’ money,” he said.

*This is a developing story.