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I wish to inform to the House that I have received the determination of the Supreme Court in respect of the Bill titled “**State Land (Special Provisions)**” which has been challenged in the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121(1) of the Constitution.

The Supreme Court has determined that in terms of Article 120 read with Article 123 of the Constitution, that the Bill in question is in respect of a matter set out in the Provincial Council List, and shall not become Law unless it has been referred by His Excellency, the President to every Provincial Council, for the expression of their views thereon, and only thereafter be placed on the Order Paper of Parliament, as required by Article 154 G (3) of the Constitution.

The Supreme Court has further stated since the Bill has been placed on the Order Paper of Parliament without compliance with the provisions of Article 154 G (3), it would not at this stage make a determination as to the other grounds of challenge referred to above.

I order that the determination of the Supreme Court be printed in the Official Report of today's proceedings.