

1 that's because we thought it was going to be virtually
2 automatic and that's because we thought finding similarly
3 situated white farmers wasn't going to be a problem. And then
4 it turned out to be a problem. And Mr. Pires has said -- he's
5 taken some of the blame for that. So we have a 60 or 62
6 percent success rate which means that there are more petitions.

7 Now, the Government might have filed more petitions if
8 the success rate had been higher but I think we all believed
9 from the beginning that most of the petitions -- the Government
10 wasn't going to file that many petitions, even if the success
11 rate were higher, but most of the petitions were going to come
12 from the farmers. So we start with having many more farmers
13 filing claims than we anticipated, and I understand that now
14 with the late filings and I assume, having delegated this to
15 Mr. Lewis, that most of the late filings are going to be
16 declined. That's not what we were focusing on. But there are
17 16-some thousand late filings. But we're talking about the 20
18 or so thousand that actually filed timely and that have been or
19 are being processed. That's what the focus is today, I think.

20 So because the success rate was lower at the initial
21 stage, the number of petitions are greater. And there are some
22 additional claims, there were white farmer problems, and so
23 forth. So one of the things I was concerned about as we got
24 ready to appoint the Monitor was those -- that 40 percent or
25 whatever we anticipated the number would be and if there was no