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| **PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**  **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY** |

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO: 2978**

**Mr J Selfe (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

(a) How many foreign nationals are currently incarcerated in correctional centres as (i) sentenced offenders, (ii) remand detainees and (iii) detainees awaiting deportation, (b) what is the breakdown of the specified foreign nationals in respect of their country of origin and (c) what services does his department provide to the specified foreign nationals? NW3483E

**REPLY:**

(a)(i), (ii), (iii) and (b):

| **NUMBER OF FOREIGN NATIONALS AS ON 10 AUGUST 2015** | | | | |
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| **NATIONALITY** | **SENTENCE GROUPS** | | | |
| **REMAND DETAINEES** | **DETAINEES AWAITING DEPORTATION** | **SENTENCED** | **ALL SENTENCE GROUPS** |
| **ALGERIA** | **0** |  | **1** | **1** |
| **AMERICAN SAMOA** | **0** |  | **2** | **2** |
| **ANGOLA** | **14** |  | **65** | **79** |
| **ARGENTINA** | **0** |  | **2** | **2** |
| **AUSTRALIA** | **0** |  | **1** | **1** |
| **AUSTRIA** | **0** |  | **2** | **2** |
| **BANGLADESH** | **14** |  | **5** | **19** |
| **BENIN** | **1** |  | **3** | **4** |
| **BOLIVIA** | **1** |  | **44** | **45** |
| **BOTSWANA** | **4** |  | **11** | **15** |
| **BRAZIL** | **2** |  | **20** | **22** |
| **BRIT. CARRIBEAN FED (JA,WL,WV)** | **0** |  | **1** | **1** |
| **BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY** | **0** |  | **2** | **2** |
| **BULGARIA** | **4** |  | **6** | **10** |
| **BURUNDI** | **17** |  | **18** | **35** |
| **CAMEROON** | **4** |  | **11** | **15** |
| **CANADA** | **0** |  | **1** | **1** |
| **CAPE VERDE** | **0** |  | **2** | **2** |
| **CHINA** | **8** |  | **15** | **23** |
| **COLOMBIA** | **0** |  | **4** | **4** |
| **CONGO** | **57** |  | **67** | **124** |
| **CZECH REPUBLIC** | **1** |  | **0** | **1** |
| **DENMARK** | **0** |  | **1** | **1** |
| **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** | **0** |  | **1** | **1** |
| **ECUADOR** | **0** |  | **5** | **5** |
| **EGYPT** | **2** |  | **1** | **3** |
| **EL SALVADOR** | **0** |  | **1** | **1** |
| **ERITREA** | **0** |  | **1** | **1** |
| **ETHIOPIA** | **18** |  | **13** | **31** |
| **FRANCE** | **0** |  | **2** | **2** |
| **FRENCH GUIANA** | **0** |  | **1** | **1** |
| **GAMBIA** | **1** |  | **0** | **1** |
| **GHANA** | **3** |  | **16** | **19** |
| **GUINEA** | **2** |  | **3** | **5** |
| **GUINEA-BISSAU** | **0** |  | **2** | **2** |
| **GUYANA** | **1** |  | **9** | **10** |
| **ICELAND** | **0** |  | **0** | **0** |
| **INDIA** | **3** |  | **8** | **11** |
| **IRELAND** | **1** |  | **0** | **1** |
| **ISRAEL** | **1** |  | **0** | **1** |
| **JAMAICA** | **0** |  | **2** | **2** |
| **KENYA** | **7** |  | **18** | **25** |
| **LATVIA** | **1** |  | **0** | **1** |
| **LESOTHO** | **467** | **11** | **1044** | **1522** |
| **LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA** | **0** |  | **1** | **1** |
| **LIBERIA** | **2** |  | **1** | **3** |
| **LIECHTENSTEIN** | **1** |  | **0** | **1** |
| **MACAO** | **1** |  | **0** | **1** |
| **MALAWI** | **317** | **26** | **218** | **561** |
| **MALI** | **0** |  | **1** | **1** |
| **MAURITIUS** | **0** |  | **1** | **1** |
| **MOZAMBIQUE** | **710** | **8** | **1665** | **2383** |
| **NAMIBIA** | **17** |  | **23** | **40** |
| **NETHERLANDS** | **0** |  | **1** | **1** |
| **NIGER** | **3** |  | **1** | **4** |
| **NIGERIA** | **202** |  | **250** | **452** |
| **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS** | **0** |  | **1** | **1** |
| **PAKISTAN** | **23** |  | **21** | **44** |
| **PARAGUAY** | **0** |  | **4** | **4** |
| **PERU** | **1** |  | **23** | **24** |
| **PORTUGAL** | **0** |  | **3** | **3** |
| **RWANDA** | **0** |  | **1** | **1** |
| **SENEGAL** | **0** |  | **3** | **3** |
| **SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO** | **1** |  | **3** | **4** |
| **SIERRA LEONE** | **1** |  | **1** | **2** |
| **SOMALIA** | **28** |  | **17** | **45** |
| **SPAIN** | **1** |  | **4** | **5** |
| **SUDAN** | **1** |  | **2** | **3** |
| **SWAZILAND** | **41** |  | **180** | **221** |
| **TAIWAN, PROVINCE OF CHINA** | **0** |  | **3** | **3** |
| **TAJIKISTAN** | **1** |  | **0** | **1** |
| **TANZANIA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF** | **141** | **2** | **188** | **331** |
| **THAILAND** | **0** |  | **1** | **1** |
| **TOGO** | **1** |  | **0** | **1** |
| **TURKEY** | **0** |  | **1** | **1** |
| **UGANDA** | **10** | **2** | **20** | **32** |
| **UNITED KINGDOM** | **0** |  | **5** | **5** |
| **UNITED STATES** | **0** |  | **1** | **1** |
| **VENEZUELA** | **1** |  | **3** | **4** |
| **VIET NAM** | **2** |  | **4** | **6** |
| **ZAIRE** | **0** |  | **5** | **5** |
| **ZAMBIA** | **4** |  | **17** | **21** |
| **ZIMBABWE** | **1324** | **9** | **2234** | **3567** |
| **TOTAL** | **3468** | **58** | **6318** | **9844** |

(c) Services are provided to all inmates within the South African Corrections System irrespective of their nationality. However, it is internationally accepted that foreign nationals in the correctional system of any country present a challenge due to their unfamiliarity with the language and culture as well as the lack of close contact with their families.