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**QUESTION 1005**

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**1005. Ms Z Majozi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Whether his department has found a significant change in the crime pattern since the lockdown began on 26 March 2020; if so, what are the full relevant details of the statistics related to the number of arrests made since the lockdown to curb the spread of Covid-19 began?

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**REPLY:**

There is a significant decrease of 71,7 %, from 29 March 2019 to 21 May 2019, compared to 27 March 2020 to 19 May 2020, with regard to the number of contact crimes, which were reported to the South African Police Service (SAPS).

The relevant details of the statistics, with regard to the number of arrests made, are as follows:

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| **Province** | **Number of Persons Arrested from 27**  **March 2020 to 19 May 2020** |
| Eastern Cape | 26 382 |
| Free State | 24 848 |
| Gauteng | 79 363 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 41 175 |
| Limpopo | 22 209 |
| Mpumalangs | 15 868 |
| North West | 13 899 |
| Northern Cape | 11 873 |
| Western Cape | 48 407 |
| Other | 368 |
| **Total** | **264 392** |

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