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

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 1015**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 20 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 27 SEPTEMBER 2019**

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

Whether all sentenced offenders are provided with work as contemplated in section 40 of the Correctional Services Act, Act 111 of 1998; if not, (a) why not and (b) what steps are being contemplated to keep sentenced offenders active during a normal working day; if so, what are the relevant details?

**REPLY:**

Not all sentenced offenders can be provided with work as contemplated in section 40 of the Correctional Services Act, Act 111 of 1998.

1. Offenders such as those with further charges, disabilities and sentenced children are exempted from performing work. Offenders are allocated work activities by Case Management Committees (CMC) considering the offenders security risk classification.
2. The department is continuously making an effort for sentenced offenders to be provided not only with work but also the following daily activities:

* Educational programmes;
* Skills development programmes
* Sports, recreation, arts and culture (SRAC)
* Agriculture and;
* Production workshops