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

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 1041**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 07 MAY 2021**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 21 MAY 2021**

**Mr P Sindane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

Whether he is considering the parole application of (*certain person*) held in Worcester Correctional Facility and (*certain person*) held at Voorberg Correctional Facility; if not, why not, in each case; if so, by what date will he sign for their release? **NW1224E**

**REPLY:**

It should be noted that both offenders are serving sentences of life imprisonment. They have benefitted from Phaahla judgment handed down by the Constitutional Court on   
03 May 2019, since they were sentenced after 01 October 2004 for offences committed before 01 October 2004.

The mentioned offenders have been assessed for placement by the Case Management Committee and Correctional Supervision and Parole Board, their profiles are yet to be considered by the National Council of Correctional Services (NCCS) before being forwarded to the Minister for a decision.

The possible placement of offenders serving life sentences (lifers) are considered by the Minister in line with section 78 of the Correctional Services Act 111 of 1998. Therefore, the Minister will consider each case on its merit and will approve or disapprove parole placement once he is satisfied that offenders are indeed rehabilitated based on the information presented.

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