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

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 1117**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 05 JUNE 2020**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 22 JUNE 2020**

**Mr W Horn (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

What are the details of the additional support that were made available to the Community Corrections division of the Department of Correctional Services to enable it to properly and effectively deal with the monitoring of the 19 000 inmates to be released as part of the programme to decrease overpopulation of correctional centres amid the Covid-19 pandemic? NW1413E

**REPLY:**

Community Corrections is ready to admit and monitor all 19 000 cases to be placed on parole. Prior to the special remission in 2019 the number of offenders was 71523, Community Corrections had 1854 personnel entrusted with the monitoring of parolees and probationers. After the remission the number of parolees and probationers decreased to 56632, the ratio of a member to parolee is currently one is to 30 (1:3). The release of 19000 would not have an impact on the current resources since it will be reverting to the same resources.

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| **Caseloads used** | **Month** | **Filled** | **Caseloads** | **Ratio No Offenders per Official** | **Ratio No Offenders per Social Worker** |
| 02-Apr-20 | April | 1851 | 55515 | 1:29 | 1:474 |
| 23-Apr-20 | May | 1855 | 55350 | 1:29 | 1:477 |
| 28-May-20 | June | 1854 | 55882 | 1:30 | 1:485 |
| 18-Jun-20 | June | 1854 | 56632 | 1:30 | 1:492 |