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

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENARY QUESTION NO: 1166**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 25 MARCH 2022**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 08 APRIL 2022**

**Prof C.T Msimang (IFP) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

(1) Whether, with reference to the appointment of Mr Makgothi Samuel Thobakgale as Acting National Commissioner of the Department of Correctional Services on 27 September 2021, following the departure of Mr Arthur Fraser almost six months ago, any plans are in place for the appointment of a permanent National Commissioner; if not, why not; if so,

(2) whether he will furnish Prof C.T Msimang with (a) a timeline for the appointment of a permanent National Commissioner of the Department of Correctional Services and (b) the date on which this process will begin; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? **NW1424E**

**REPLY:**

1. Yes, plans are in place for the appointment of a permanent National Commissioner.

(2)(a) A four months recruitment plan is in place and it is envisaged that a permanent National Commissioner will be appointed no later than 31 July 2022.

(2)(b) The process has begun as the position was advertised on 07 March 2022 with a closing date of 28 March 2022. It is envisaged that shortlisting and interviews will be conducted during April 2022 and May 2022.

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