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

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 1186**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 25 MARCH 2022**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 08 APRIL 2022**

**Mrs L.F Tito (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

Whether, following the recent escape of four offenders at Rooigrond Correctional Centre in Mahikeng, the specified facility has the required manpower and an equipped management to prevent future occurrences; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?  **NW1448E**

**REPLY:**

The bed space capacity of Rooigrond Medium A Correctional Centre is 645, the current inmate population is 895 which is 38.76% over populated. Based on the inmate population, the current approved posts establishment is not sufficient.

The centre has an approved post establishment of 196, with 183 filled (93.37%) and 13 posts vacant (6.63%). The Department has a new organisational structure approved by the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services for consultation to address the challenges of staff shortage.

**END.**