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**1193. Mr A C Roos (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

What (a) remedial actions have been taken regarding the escape of at least 37 foreign nationals from the Lindela Repatriation Centre on 3 May 2020, (b) sanctions have been taken against the security service provider and (c) actions have his department taken to ensure that the payment dispute between security staff and the service provider have been resolved? NW1498E

**REPLY:**

**(**a) A criminal charge was opened at the Krugersdorp Police Station and the investigation has been transferred to the SAPS Gauteng Provincial Office for further investigation.

(b) The penalty to be levied on the company will be measured contractually and according to the Conventional Penalties Act to quantify the damage suffered by the department.

(c) The service provider, Enviromongz, requested the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSIRA) to conduct an inspection of the Lindela Holding Facility, and it was confirmed that they were not in breach of any laws regarding the shift patterns, as well as the payment of wages and salaries. The PSIRA findings have been communicated with Lindela officials and staff.

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