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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1282. Mr V Pambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

Whether Mr Thabo Bester has a South African identity document (ID); if not, what (a) are the reasons that the specified person was allowed to remain in prison for such a long period without an ID and (b) total number of inmates are in correctional facilities in the Republic without IDs? NW1444E

**REPLY:**

No, Thabo Bester does not have an Identity Document- at least not one issued by the Department of Home Affairs.

1. The question should be referred to the Department of Correctional Services
2. The Department does not do any audit of inmates at Correctional Services facilities. We expect the Department to approach us if there are any issues of identity to be dealt with.

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