

**MINISTRY: PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**DATE: 5 MAY 2023**

**QUESTION NO.: 1516.**

**Dr M M Gondwe (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

What (a) total number of public servants faced disciplinary action for fraud and serious misconduct in the (i) 2019-20, (ii) 2020-21 and (iii) 2021-22 financial years and (b) is the (i) breakdown of the figure for each government department and (ii) description of the nature of fraud and/or serious misconduct? **NW1759E**

**REPLY:**

(a). According to information captured on PERSAL:

1. The total number of public servants who faced disciplinary action for fraud and serious conduct in the 2019-2020 financial year is **44**
2. The total number of public servants who faced disciplinary action for fraud and serious conduct in the 2020-2021 financial year is **28**
3. The total number of public servants who faced disciplinary action for fraud and serious conduct in the 2021-2022 financial year is **31**

(b) See table underneath for (i) the breakdown of the figure for each government department and (ii) a description of the nature of fraud and/or serious conduct.

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| Number of Public Servants disciplined for Fraud and Misconduct |
|  | 2019/ 2020 | 2020/ 2021 | 2021/ 2022 | Total |
| Total | (i) National/Provincial departments | (ii) Description | 44 | 28 | 31 | 103 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | Agriculture and Rural Development | Fraudulent medical certificate  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs | Misrepresentation fraud & dishonest absenteeism | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Education | Fraud in the internship intake | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Fraud regarding learners reports of grade 5 social science | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Allegation that educator committed fraud by accepting cooked marks | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Allegation that official committed fraud with regard to English trail examination paper | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Failed to secure the school cheque book resulting in fraudulent withdrawals | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Educator alleged to have underpaid educator assistants and general school assistants and other fraudulent activities. | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Submitting a fraudulent document | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Health | Absent without reporting, fraudulently claiming nightshift allowance and submitted false statement | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraudulently obtained/falsified and presented a sick note and contravened the code of conduct | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Fraudulently obtained/falsified and presented a sick note with the intention and contravened the code of conduct | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Fraudulent medical certificate, under the influence, intoxication and late coming | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Officer committed alleged fraud and corruption, misconduct | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Exposed kids to Covid-19 in hospital and ordered more food on daily basis for kids which exceeded the number of kids in the crèche | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Stealing and committed fraud | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Tender fraud | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Human Settlements | Intentionally submitted a fraudulent offer of employ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Mpumalanga | Health | Fraudulently misuse petrol for own benefit | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| National | Correctional Services | Theft or bribery, fraud, corruption or any combination | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Breaching security, theft, bribery, fraud and corruption | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Submission of fraudulent medical certificates | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Official submitted fraudulent medical certificates | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Official submitted fraudulent medical certificates for sick leave | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Employment and Labour | Fraud, violating SOP, contravening Code of Conduct | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Environment, Forestry and Fisheries | Official is alleged to have committed fraud when procuring stationery and printer cartridges | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Higher Education and Training | Dishonesty/ negligence/ fraud,, unauthorised loading of an employee on the payroll | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Justice and Constitutional Development | Corruption fraud and bringing the name of the department into disrepute | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Fraud | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Fraud and corruption | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Fraudulent medical certificate, gross dishonesty | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Fraudulent S&T claim | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Fraudulently received small claims monies | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Police | Allegedly committed fraud by applying for a SAPS e-mail address for a civilian | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Submitted a fraudulently obtained sick certificate | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Arrested on a charge of fraud, employee left his/her post without permission | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraud complaint against SAPS official | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Allegation that SAPS member received a bribe to return a vehicle taken by the Hawks. The vehicle was not returned. | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Complaint that suspect fraudulently changed the licence of a vehicle into his name without his consent | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Corruption, fraud, using state vehicle without consent (misusing state vehicle) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraud, fraudulent entries in SAPS 132(b) log sheet - used state vehicle without consent | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraud | 5 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Fraud, sold items to a supplier without the necessary authority. The money was paid directly into the officers private account | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraud, member pretended to be the rightful owner of a house which he rented out | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraud, altered medical certificate | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraud case  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraud, altered medical certificate  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraud, falsified medical certificate | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraud, falsifying official documentation | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Fraud, forged signature | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraud, fraudulent sick certificate | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraud, members travelling overseas booked off sick / took family responsibility leave | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
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| Fraud, purchased braai packs on police account for a station lecture | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraudulent sick certificate submitted | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Inciting employees to submit fraudulent applications to access housing allowance | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Member submitted a fraudulent insurance claim | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraud, allegedly used state vehicle without permission | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Member fraudulently changed chassis and engine numbers of stolen and hijacked vehicles | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Corruption, fraud and defeating the ends of justice | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Submitted fraudulent monthly reports and non-compliance to instructions | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraud and theft | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Perjury, false statement, fake insurance claim (Fraud) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Dishonesty - made fraudulent entries in registers | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Used fuel cards of state owned motor vehicles and committed 33x counts of fraud | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraud - ordering food without paying, smoking in rooms, not paying for visitors and removing crockery from rooms | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraudulently issued an affidavit to sell stolen stock cattle(10) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraud – ordering food without paying, smoking in rooms, not paying for visitors and removing crockery from rooms | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Theft and fraud | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| North West | Community Safety and Transport Management | Fraud | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Fraud and unacceptable behaviour | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraudulent claims | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Fraudulent S&T claims | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Education | Fraud | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Western Cape | Education | Fraud | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Committed an act of fraud | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Employee failed to prevent financial mismanagement which resulted in fraud | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Falsifying documentation, fraud, mismanagement of finances | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraud or dishonesty iro overtime claims | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraudulent statement of senior certificate results | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Employee committed fraud by marking another employee present on the school attendance register  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Employee allegedly has fraudulent qualifications | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Copied CV and in doing so committed a fraud and alternatively a dishonest act | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Submitting fraudulent medical certificate | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Health and Wellness | Fraud activities with regards to government cars fuel cards | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Fraudulent activities regarding fuel cards | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Fraudulent medical certificate. | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Submitted fraudulent sick note | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| *Data source: PERSAL* |
| *Compiled by the DPSA* |
| *Excluding Defence and State Security Agency* |

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