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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 1897[NW2411E]**

**1897. Ms N P Sonti (EFF) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

What (a) number of persons have lost their jobs in the mining industry since the beginning of the lockdown to curb the spread of Covid-19 and (b) engagements has he had with the mining sector to reduce the number of job losses in the mining industry? NW2411E

REPLY:

1. Honourable Member would recall that Statistics South Africa is responsible for collection, collating and releasing of the official employment statistics through the Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS) and the Quarterly Employment Statistics (QES).

The number of jobs lost in the mining industry since the beginning of the lockdown to curb the spread of Covid-19 is not yet available because the QLSF 2nd Quarter will be released around the dates of 29th September 2020 and the QES will be released around the 15th of October 2020.

We will therefore request that we humbly await the publication of the official data in the country.