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**JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 1945**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 12 MAY 2023**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 26 MAY 2023**

**Mr V Pambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

What is the (a) current total number of persons who are in jail currently awaiting trial because they cannot afford bail and (b)(i) smallest, (ii) largest and (iii) average amount of bail that the inmates did not pay and/or cannot afford?NW2208E

**REPLY:**

1. It should be noted that no information is available that explicitly confirms that the remand detainees granted bail are still in detention due to inability to pay bail.

As at 31 March 2023 the total population of remand detainees was Fifty-five thousand seven hundred and forty-five (**55 745).**

(b)(i) A total of **854** were granted bail of one thousand rand (R1000.00) and less.

(b)(ii) A total of **598** were granted bail of above one thousand-rand (R1000.00)up to four million rand(R4 000 000.00).

(b)(iii) The table below depicts the various bail amount categories:

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| **Bail Amount** | **EC** | **FSNC** | **GP** | **KZN** | **LMN** | **WC** | **Grand Total** |
| Less Than R1000 | 189 | 61 | 251 | 117 | 22 | 214 | 854 |
| >R1000 to R5000 | 21 | 5 | 268 | 95 | 19 | 114 | 522 |
| >R5000 to R10 000 | 2 | 0 | 45 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 59 |
| >R10 000 to R50 000 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 15 |
| >R50 000 to R100 000 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 4million  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **GRAND TOTAL** | **212** | **66** | **575** | **220** | **42** | **337** | **1452** |

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