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**JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO:2311**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 09 JUNE 2023**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 23 JUNE 2023**

**Mrs Y.N Yako (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

What (a) is the total number of detainees who have escaped from correctional facilities in the Republic over the past five years and (b) are the conditions that make escapes from jail possible for inmates? **NW2628E**

**REPLY:**

1. The following number of inmates escaped from lawful custody:

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| **Region** | **2018/19** | **2019/20** | **2020/21** | **2021/22** | **2022/23** |
| Limpopo, Mpumalanga & North West  | 12 | 01 | 06 | 07 | 05 |
| Free State & Northern Cape  | 05 | 09 | 11 | 03 | 03 |
| KwaZulu-Natal  | 05 | 05 | 03 | 06 | 02 |
| Western Cape  | 06 | 04 | 75 | 03 | 05 |
| Gauteng  | 21 | 10 | 12 | 02 | 02 |
| Eastern Cape  | 07 | 05 | 10 | 01 | 10 |
| **TOTAL** | **56** | **34** | **117** | **22** | **27** |

The following number of escaped inmates were **re-arrested** to lawful custody

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| **Region** | **2018/19** | **2019/20** | **2020/21** | **2021/22** | **2022/23** |
| Limpopo, Mpumalanga & North West  | 10 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Free State & Northern Cape  | 5 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 3 |
| KwaZulu-Natal  | 4 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| Western Cape  | 5 | 3 | 75 | 3 | 5 |
| Gauteng  | 13 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Eastern Cape  | 7 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 5 |
| **TOTAL** | **44** | **27** | **101** | **15** | **21** |

1. Conditions that contribute to escapes from DCS facilities include amongst others:
* Lack of maintenance, poor and outdated infrastructures;
* Influx of contrabands in Correctional Facilities; &
* Non-compliance to policies and procedures by DCS officials.

**END.**