

**MINISTRY: JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 2377**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 20 JUNE 2022**

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**2377. Mr J Engelbrecht (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

(1) What are the (a) recommended capacity and (b) actual occupation levels for all prison facilities in the Republic;

(2) By what percentage is each prison facility in the Republic over capacity;

(3) What is the ratio of staff members of the Department of Correctional Services, excluding administrative staff, to prisoners in all prison facilities?

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**REPLY:**

(1)(a)&(b) The table below reflects the recommended capacity and actual occupancy levels as at 01 June 2022.

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| **Correctional Centre** | **Approved Bed Space** | **Inmate Population** | **Occupancy Levels** | **Overcrowding Levels** |
| Eastern Cape | 12 431 | 20 265 | 163.02% | 63.02% |
| Gauteng | 23 630 | 34 405 | 145.60% | 45.60% |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 18 117 | 22 414 | 123.72% | 23.72% |
| Limpopo, Mpumalanga & North West | 18 265 | 22 190 | 121.49% | 21.49% |
| Free State & Northern Cape | 18 547 | 19 031 | 102.61% | 2.61% |
| Western Cape | 17 814 | 26 633 | 149.51% | 49.51% |
| **TOTAL** | **108 804** | **14 4938** | **133.21%** | **33.21%** |

(2) The table below reflects the overcrowding levels per correctional facility as at   
01 June 2022.

| **Correctional Centre** | **Approved Bed Space** | **Inmate Population** | **Occupancy Levels** | **Overcrowding Levels** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Queenstown | 114 | 397 | 348.25% | 248.25% |
| Bizana | 48 | 166 | 345.83% | 245.83% |
| Mount Frere | 39 | 134 | 343.59% | 243.59% |
| Allandale | 293 | 920 | 313.99% | 213.99% |
| Lusikisiki | 126 | 377 | 299.21% | 199.21% |
| Flagstaff | 45 | 134 | 297.78% | 197.78% |
| King William's Town | 281 | 787 | 280.07% | 180.07% |
| Thohoyandou Med B | 225 | 616 | 273.78% | 173.78% |
| Burgersdorp | 176 | 471 | 267.61% | 167.61% |
| George | 510 | 1257 | 246.47% | 146.47% |
| Worcester Males | 402 | 955 | 237.56% | 137.56% |
| Knysna | 165 | 386 | 233.94% | 133.94% |
| Mount Fletcher | 107 | 250 | 233.64% | 133.64% |
| Johannesburg Med A | 2468 | 5703 | 231.08% | 131.08% |
| Oudtshoorn Medium A | 281 | 632 | 224.91% | 124.91% |
| Pollsmoor Females | 253 | 568 | 224.51% | 124.51% |
| Oudtshoorn Medium B | 54 | 121 | 224.07% | 124.07% |
| Butterworth | 134 | 299 | 223.13% | 123.13% |
| Beaufort-West | 73 | 161 | 220.55% | 120.55% |
| Mosselbaai | 290 | 624 | 215.17% | 115.17% |
| Odendaalsrus | 293 | 616 | 210.24% | 110.24% |
| Makhado | 303 | 629 | 207.59% | 107.59% |
| PMB Med A | 1493 | 3072 | 205.76% | 105.76% |
| Prince Albert | 42 | 86 | 204.76% | 104.76% |
| Barkly-East | 62 | 126 | 203.23% | 103.23% |
| Modomolle | 318 | 646 | 203.14% | 103.14% |
| Grootvlei A | 806 | 1630 | 202.23% | 102.23% |
| Ladysmith | 307 | 619 | 201.63% | 101.63% |
| East London Med. B | 477 | 957 | 200.63% | 100.63% |
| Mount Ayliff | 68 | 136 | 200.00% | 100.00% |
| Middledrift | 565 | 1124 | 198.94% | 98.94% |
| Willowvale | 43 | 85 | 197.67% | 97.67% |
| Robertson | 182 | 359 | 197.25% | 97.25% |
| Mdantsane | 635 | 1237 | 194.80% | 94.80% |
| Mthatha Medium | 640 | 1246 | 194.69% | 94.69% |
| Caledon | 194 | 375 | 193.30% | 93.30% |
| Vereeniging | 637 | 1217 | 191.05% | 91.05% |
| Engcobo | 74 | 140 | 189.19% | 89.19% |
| Johannesburg Med B | 1499 | 2819 | 188.06% | 88.06% |
| Polokwane | 501 | 921 | 183.83% | 83.83% |
| St Albans Med.A | 733 | 1345 | 183.49% | 83.49% |
| Worcester Females | 114 | 208 | 182.46% | 82.46% |
| Malmesbury | 158 | 288 | 182.28% | 82.28% |
| Springbok | 69 | 125 | 181.16% | 81.16% |
| Nqgeleni | 84 | 152 | 180.95% | 80.95% |
| Krugersdorp | 1466 | 2641 | 180.15% | 80.15% |
| Uniondale | 37 | 66 | 178.38% | 78.38% |
| Pollsmoor Medium B | 648 | 1151 | 177.62% | 77.62% |
| Dwarsrivier | 185 | 325 | 175.68% | 75.68% |
| Piet Retief | 239 | 417 | 174.48% | 74.48% |
| Graaff-Reinet | 68 | 118 | 173.53% | 73.53% |
| Ladismith | 49 | 85 | 173.47% | 73.47% |
| Waterval Med B | 278 | 482 | 173.38% | 73.38% |
| Mqanduli | 66 | 112 | 169.70% | 69.70% |
| Kgoši Mampuru II Female | 132 | 224 | 169.70% | 69.70% |
| Pollsmoor | 1512 | 2565 | 169.64% | 69.64% |
| Kranskop | 59 | 100 | 169.49% | 69.49% |
| Barberton Max | 780 | 1311 | 168.08% | 68.08% |
| Sada | 269 | 452 | 168.03% | 68.03% |
| East London Med. A | 797 | 1333 | 167.25% | 67.25% |
| Brandvlei Medium C | 303 | 506 | 167.00% | 67.00% |
| Harrismith | 209 | 349 | 166.99% | 66.99% |
| Greytown | 57 | 95 | 166.67% | 66.67% |
| Bethlehem | 180 | 298 | 165.56% | 65.56% |
| Lady Frere | 50 | 82 | 164.00% | 64.00% |
| Mthatha Remand | 679 | 1113 | 163.92% | 63.92% |
| Stellenbosch | 53 | 86 | 162.26% | 62.26% |
| St Albans Max. | 1225 | 1970 | 160.82% | 60.82% |
| Goodwood | 1653 | 2658 | 160.80% | 60.80% |
| Buffeljagsrivier | 214 | 344 | 160.75% | 60.75% |
| Helderstroom Med A | 636 | 1019 | 160.22% | 60.22% |
| Modderbee | 2309 | 3661 | 158.55% | 58.55% |
| Durban Med B | 1936 | 3059 | 158.01% | 58.01% |
| Idutywa | 92 | 145 | 157.61% | 57.61% |
| Nqamakwe | 51 | 79 | 154.90% | 54.90% |
| Sasolburg | 302 | 467 | 154.64% | 54.64% |
| Drakenstein Medium A | 458 | 706 | 154.15% | 54.15% |
| Helderstroom Max | 534 | 820 | 153.56% | 53.56% |
| Durban Med C | 552 | 845 | 153.08% | 53.08% |
| Colesberg | 159 | 243 | 152.83% | 52.83% |
| Hopetown | 40 | 61 | 152.50% | 52.50% |
| Durban Female | 230 | 349 | 151.74% | 51.74% |
| Middelburg | 333 | 505 | 151.65% | 51.65% |
| Klerksdorp | 930 | 1392 | 149.68% | 49.68% |
| Mogwase | 396 | 590 | 148.99% | 48.99% |
| Dundee | 82 | 122 | 148.78% | 48.78% |
| Johannesburg Female | 711 | 1055 | 148.38% | 48.38% |
| Victoria West | 65 | 96 | 147.69% | 47.69% |
| Frankfort | 58 | 85 | 146.55% | 46.55% |
| Richmond | 41 | 60 | 146.34% | 46.34% |
| Grahamstown | 371 | 539 | 145.28% | 45.28% |
| St Albans Med.B | 963 | 1393 | 144.65% | 44.65% |
| Vryheid | 244 | 351 | 143.85% | 43.85% |
| Bethal | 765 | 1100 | 143.79% | 43.79% |
| Glencoe | 497 | 714 | 143.66% | 43.66% |
| Leeuwkop Max | 688 | 984 | 143.02% | 43.02% |
| Drakenstein Maximum | 383 | 543 | 141.78% | 41.78% |
| Leeuwkop Med C | 601 | 850 | 141.43% | 41.43% |
| Calvinia | 29 | 41 | 141.38% | 41.38% |
| Baviaanspoort Max | 360 | 508 | 141.11% | 41.11% |
| Malmesbury Medium A | 1080 | 1521 | 140.83% | 40.83% |
| Ncome Med A | 534 | 740 | 138.58% | 38.58% |
| Obiqua | 223 | 309 | 138.57% | 38.57% |
| Rooigrond Med A | 645 | 877 | 135.97% | 35.97% |
| Potchefstroom | 557 | 752 | 135.01% | 35.01% |
| Rooigrond Med B | 266 | 357 | 134.21% | 34.21% |
| Kgoši Mampuru II Central | 1514 | 2029 | 134.02% | 34.02% |
| Dodrecht | 103 | 138 | 133.98% | 33.98% |
| Staart Van Paardeberg | 231 | 305 | 132.03% | 32.03% |
| Groenpunt Max | 1326 | 1748 | 131.83% | 31.83% |
| Witbank | 1312 | 1724 | 131.40% | 31.40% |
| Middleburg | 287 | 377 | 131.36% | 31.36% |
| Johannesburg Med C | 307 | 402 | 130.94% | 30.94% |
| Wolmaranstad | 101 | 132 | 130.69% | 30.69% |
| Lichtenburg | 188 | 245 | 130.32% | 30.32% |
| Nelspruit | 757 | 986 | 130.25% | 30.25% |
| Matatiele | 70 | 91 | 130.00% | 30.00% |
| Durban Med A | 2202 | 2859 | 129.84% | 29.84% |
| Pietermaritzburg Med B | 316 | 410 | 129.75% | 29.75% |
| Odi | 861 | 1116 | 129.62% | 29.62% |
| Barberton Med B | 606 | 783 | 129.21% | 29.21% |
| Uthrect | 38 | 49 | 128.95% | 28.95% |
| Baviaanspoort Med | 649 | 836 | 128.81% | 28.81% |
| Ncome Med B | 724 | 931 | 128.59% | 28.59% |
| Mtunzini | 84 | 108 | 128.57% | 28.57% |
| Boksburg Med A | 2062 | 2646 | 128.32% | 28.32% |
| Emthonjeni | 192 | 246 | 128.13% | 28.13% |
| Volkrust | 202 | 258 | 127.72% | 27.72% |
| Riebeek-West | 185 | 236 | 127.57% | 27.57% |
| Pollsmoor Medium A | 1028 | 1309 | 127.33% | 27.33% |
| Zonderwater Med A | 825 | 1047 | 126.91% | 26.91% |
| Stutterheim | 42 | 53 | 126.19% | 26.19% |
| Heidelberg Male | 517 | 651 | 125.92% | 25.92% |
| Christiana | 89 | 112 | 125.84% | 25.84% |
| Somerset-East | 123 | 153 | 124.39% | 24.39% |
| Nongoma | 46 | 57 | 123.91% | 23.91% |
| Zonderwater Med B | 770 | 954 | 123.90% | 23.90% |
| Empangeni | 276 | 340 | 123.19% | 23.19% |
| Ixopo | 79 | 97 | 122.78% | 22.78% |
| Melmoth | 44 | 54 | 122.73% | 22.73% |
| Drakenstein Medium B | 402 | 493 | 122.64% | 22.64% |
| Kgoši Mampuru Ii Local | 2304 | 2819 | 122.35% | 22.35% |
| Female & Youth | 140 | 171 | 122.14% | 22.14% |
| Zeerust | 132 | 161 | 121.97% | 21.97% |
| Vanrhynsdorp | 556 | 678 | 121.94% | 21.94% |
| Atteridgeville | 546 | 664 | 121.61% | 21.61% |
| Ingwavuma | 71 | 86 | 121.13% | 21.13% |
| Bergville | 24 | 29 | 120.83% | 20.83% |
| Kokstad Med | 345 | 416 | 120.58% | 20.58% |
| Heilbron | 54 | 65 | 120.37% | 20.37% |
| Kirkwood | 707 | 850 | 120.23% | 20.23% |
| Sterkspruit | 65 | 78 | 120.00% | 20.00% |
| Eshowe | 459 | 546 | 118.95% | 18.95% |
| Ermelo | 498 | 585 | 117.47% | 17.47% |
| Kuruman | 325 | 381 | 117.23% | 17.23% |
| Nkandla | 36 | 42 | 116.67% | 16.67% |
| Cradock | 301 | 350 | 116.28% | 16.28% |
| Grootvlei B | 237 | 272 | 114.77% | 14.77% |
| Bizza Makhate D | 64 | 73 | 114.06% | 14.06% |
| Lindley | 36 | 41 | 113.89% | 13.89% |
| New Hanover | 110 | 125 | 113.64% | 13.64% |
| Belfast | 53 | 60 | 113.21% | 13.21% |
| Lydenburg | 82 | 92 | 112.20% | 12.20% |
| Boksburg Juveniles | 271 | 301 | 111.07% | 11.07% |
| Bizza Makhate B | 533 | 588 | 110.32% | 10.32% |
| Newcastle | 254 | 280 | 110.24% | 10.24% |
| Jansenville | 34 | 37 | 108.82% | 8.82% |
| Nigel | 310 | 336 | 108.39% | 8.39% |
| Waterval Med A | 608 | 656 | 107.89% | 7.89% |
| Qalakabusha | 1638 | 1767 | 107.88% | 7.88% |
| De Aar Male | 268 | 287 | 107.09% | 7.09% |
| Fauresmith | 29 | 31 | 106.90% | 6.90% |
| Maphumulo | 44 | 47 | 106.82% | 6.82% |
| Sevontein | 823 | 879 | 106.80% | 6.80% |
| Thohoyandou Med A | 685 | 722 | 105.40% | 5.40% |
| Kimberley | 795 | 831 | 104.53% | 4.53% |
| Elliotdale | 49 | 51 | 104.08% | 4.08% |
| Estcourt | 513 | 529 | 103.12% | 3.12% |
| Voorberg Medium B | 1423 | 1448 | 101.76% | 1.76% |
| Upington | 744 | 757 | 101.75% | 1.75% |
| Stanger | 81 | 82 | 101.23% | 1.23% |
| Kutama Sinthumule | 3024 | 3024 | 100.00% | 0.00% |
| Ladybrand | 32 | 32 | 100.00% | 0.00% |
| Mangaung | 2928 | 2928 | 100.00% | 0.00% |
| Hawequa | 202 | 202 | 100.00% | 0.00% |
| Warmbokkeveld | 499 | 489 | 98.00% | -2.00% |
| Rustenburg Med A | 555 | 534 | 96.22% | -3.78% |
| Boshof | 44 | 42 | 95.45% | -4.55% |
| Kgoši Mampuru II Max | 294 | 280 | 95.24% | -4.76% |
| Voorberg Medium A | 493 | 462 | 93.71% | -6.29% |
| Venterburg | 192 | 179 | 93.23% | -6.77% |
| Groenpunt Med | 683 | 630 | 92.24% | -7.76% |
| Port Shepstone | 180 | 166 | 92.22% | -7.78% |
| Virginia | 375 | 343 | 91.47% | -8.53% |
| Tzaneen | 501 | 455 | 90.82% | -9.18% |
| Losperfontein | 792 | 719 | 90.78% | -9.22% |
| Patensie | 417 | 377 | 90.41% | -9.59% |
| Bizza Makhate A | 1069 | 959 | 89.71% | -10.29% |
| Leeuwkop Med B Juvenile | 673 | 597 | 88.71% | -11.29% |
| Bethulie | 44 | 39 | 88.64% | -11.36% |
| Senekal | 120 | 106 | 88.33% | -11.67% |
| East London Med. C | 280 | 244 | 87.14% | -12.86% |
| Bizza Makhate C | 191 | 166 | 86.91% | -13.09% |
| Winburg | 141 | 122 | 86.52% | -13.48% |
| Leeuwkop Med A | 954 | 818 | 85.74% | -14.26% |
| Tabankulu | 46 | 38 | 82.61% | -17.39% |
| Hennenman | 230 | 185 | 80.43% | -19.57% |
| Barberton Town | 365 | 293 | 80.27% | -19.73% |
| Douglas | 279 | 219 | 78.49% | -21.51% |
| Ekuseni | 90 | 69 | 76.67% | -23.33% |
| Hoopstad | 72 | 55 | 76.39% | -23.61% |
| Brandvlei Maximum (Medium) | 981 | 747 | 76.15% | -23.85% |
| Pollsmoor Medium C | 522 | 389 | 74.52% | -25.48% |
| Barkley West | 58 | 41 | 70.69% | -29.31% |
| Umzinto | 287 | 202 | 70.38% | -29.62% |
| Edenburg | 55 | 38 | 69.09% | -30.91% |
| Brandvlei Youth | 284 | 190 | 66.90% | -33.10% |
| Rustenburg Med B | 152 | 101 | 66.45% | -33.55% |
| Zastron | 55 | 36 | 65.45% | -34.55% |
| Groenpunt Youth | 238 | 152 | 63.87% | -36.13% |
| Ficksburg | 69 | 44 | 63.77% | -36.23% |
| Carolina | 110 | 70 | 63.64% | -36.36% |
| Port Elizabeth | 665 | 420 | 63.16% | -36.84% |
| Devon | 347 | 218 | 62.82% | -37.18% |
| Standerton | 1462 | 918 | 62.79% | -37.21% |
| Mafikeng | 100 | 60 | 60.00% | -40.00% |
| Goedemoed A | 696 | 409 | 58.76% | -41.24% |
| Cofimvaba | 45 | 26 | 57.78% | -42.22% |
| Tswelopele | 2930 | 1628 | 55.56% | -44.44% |
| Pomeroy | 78 | 43 | 55.13% | -44.87% |
| Wepener | 105 | 56 | 53.33% | -46.67% |
| Goedemoed B | 546 | 280 | 51.28% | -48.72% |
| Ebongweni | 1536 | 618 | 40.23% | -59.77% |
| Durban Youth | 732 | 269 | 36.75% | -63.25% |
| Fort Beaufort | 139 | 46 | 33.09% | -66.91% |
| Umzimkulu | 60 | 19 | 31.67% | 68.33% |
| Brandfort | 125 | 21 | 16.80% | -83.20% |
| Barberton Med A | 147 | 0 | 0.00% | -100.00% |
| Geluk | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Brits | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Parys | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Brandvlei Maximum | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Swellendam | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0.00% |

1. The ratio of staff members of the Department of Correctional Services, excluding administrative staff, to prisoners in all prison facilities is 4,47 which is approximately 1: 4. The Department has a total of 30 630 filled Security personnel posts with 1 762 vacancies, the total number of posts is 32 392 with an inmate population of 144 663. The breakdown per region is as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Region** | **Inmate Population** | **Total No. of Posts** | **Ratio** |
| Eastern Cape | 20 166 | 4 445 | 4,54 |
| Free State & Northern Cape | 19 068 | 4 554 | 4,19 |
| Gauteng | 34 289 | 6 972 | 4,92 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 22 473 | 5 789 | 3,88 |
| Limpopo, Mpumalanga & North West | 22 224 | 4 908 | 4,53 |
| Western Cape | 26 443 | 5 724 | 4,62 |
| **TOTAL** | **144 663** | **32 392** | **4,47** |

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