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| **PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**  **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY** |

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARRY QUESTION 2411**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 23 OCTOBER 2020**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 06 NOVEMBER 2020**

**Prof CT Msimang (IFP) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

What is the (a) current status of overcrowding in our prisons over the past 12 months and (b) breakdown of such overcrowding in each month in each province? **NW3019E**

**REPLY**

1. As on Friday, 23 October 2020, the current national overcrowding level in correctional centres stood at **15.17%** over the approved accommodation. (**Table 1**)

The current status of overcrowding over the past 12 months is reflected in **Table 2**.

**Table: 1**

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| **INMATE POPULATION** - **23 OCTOBER 2020** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Region** | **Accommodation** | **Unsentenced** | | | **Sentenced** | | | **Grand Total** | **Population level %** | **Overcrowding Level %** |
| **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** | **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** |
| **EC** | **12846** | **89** | **5766** | **5855** | **156** | **12698** | **12854** | **18709** | **145.64%** | **45.64** |
| **GP** | **25204** | **425** | **13713** | **14138** | **530** | **19199** | **19729** | **33867** | **134.37%** | **34.37** |
| **KZN** | **21278** | **106** | **5910** | **6016** | **102** | **15763** | **15865** | **21881** | **102.83%** | **2.83** |
| **LMN** | **18929** | **71** | **5426** | **5497** | **269** | **15434** | **15703** | **21200** | **112.00%** | **12.00** |
| **FSNC** | **21585** | **78** | **4723** | **4801** | **227** | **13776** | **14003** | **18804** | **87.12%** | **12.88** |
| **WC** | **20725** | **403** | **10586** | **10989** | **391** | **13018** | **13409** | **24398** | **117.72%** | **17.72** |
| **National** | **120567** | **1172** | **46124** | **47296** | **1675** | **89888** | **91563** | **138859** | **115.17%** | **15.17** |

**Table: 2 overcrowding status over the past 12 months per region**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Region** | **Oct 2019** | **Nov 2019** | **Dec 2019** | **Jan 2020** | **Feb 2020** | **Mar 2020** | **Apr 2020** | **May 2020** | **Jun 2020** | **Jul 2020** | **Aug 2020** | **Sep 2020** |
| **EC** | **59.66%** | **59.42%** | **60.03** | **55.39%** | **53.81%** | **54.65%** | **54.94%** | **28.96** | **45.73%** | **46.23%** | **43.83%** | **45.64%** |
| **GP** | **52.06%** | **52.56%** | **52.72** | **47.63%** | **47.53%** | **45.56%** | **52.20%** | **48.88** | **44.84%** | **37.21%** | **35.46%** | **35.33%** |
| **KZN** | **33.64%** | **33.52%** | **34.63** | **31.32%** | **25.04%** | **23.86%** | **26.14%** | **22.67** | **16.05%** | **4.17%** | **2.69%** | **3.44%** |
| **LMN** | **44.27%** | **45.96%** | **46.70** | **41.09%** | **39.36%** | **38.56%** | **39.29%** | **33.84** | **27.60%** | **14.85%** | **11.13%** | **12.01%** |
| **FSNC** | **2.21%** | **3.56%** | **6.32** | **0.54%** | **0.18%** | **12.32%** | **0.38%** | **98.31** | **8.24%** | **11.86%** | **14.04%** | **13.70%** |
| **WC** | **42.29%** | **41.24%** | **36.81** | **31.07%** | **30.16%** | **29.17%** | **29.16%** | **26.07** | **19.51%** | **14.55%** | **16.13%** | **16.93%** |
| **National** | **37.83%** | **38.03%** | **38.17** | **33.27%** | **31.45%** | **30.25%** | **32.66%** | **28.96** | **23.35%** | **16.15%** | **14.56%** | **15.20%** |

1. The breakdown of the overcrowding level in each month and in each region over the past 12 months in (End of month: October 2019 to September 2020) is provided from (Table 3 to Table14):

**Table: 3**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **INMATE POPULATION - 31 OCTOBER 2019** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Region** | **Accommodation** | **Unsentenced** | | | **Sentenced** | | | **Grand Total** | **Population level %** | **Overcrowding Level %** |
| **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** | **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** |
| **EC** | **13294** | **83** | **5522** | **5605** | **290** | **15330** | **15620** | **21225** | **159.66%** | **59.66%** |
| **GP** | **24877** | **497** | **11958** | **12455** | **839** | **24535** | **25374** | **37829** | **152.06%** | **52.06%** |
| **KZN** | **20281** | **155** | **6185** | **6340** | **495** | **20269** | **20764** | **27104** | **133.64%** | **33.64%** |
| **LMN** | **17799** | **99** | **6169** | **6268** | **477** | **18934** | **19411** | **25679** | **144.27%** | **44.27%** |
| **FSNC** | **21542** | **76** | **4840** | **4916** | **393** | **16710** | **17103** | **22019** | **102.21%** | **2.21%** |
| **WC** | **20779** | **472** | **10547** | **11019** | **696** | **17851** | **18547** | **29566** | **142.29%** | **42.29%** |
| **National** | **118572** | **1382** | **45221** | **46603** | **3190** | **113629** | **116819** | **163422** | **137.83%** | **37.83%** |

**Table: 4**

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| **INMATE POPULATION - 30 NOVEMBER 2019** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Region** | **Accommodation** | **Unsentenced** | | | **Sentenced** | | | **Grand Total** | **Population level %** | **Overcrowding Level %** |
| **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** | **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** |
| **EC** | **13294** | **92** | **5553** | **5645** | **290** | **15258** | **15548** | **21193** | **159.42%** | **59.42%** |
| **GP** | **24877** | **507** | **12185** | **12692** | **842** | **24419** | **25261** | **37953** | **152.56%** | **52.56%** |
| **KZN** | **20281** | **164** | **6163** | **6327** | **19745** | **1007** | **20752** | **27079** | **133.52%** | **33.52%** |
| **LMN** | **17799** | **102** | **6453** | **6555** | **442** | **18982** | **19424** | **25979** | **145.96%** | **45.96%** |
| **FSNC** | **21542** | **82** | **4908** | **4990** | **402** | **16916** | **17318** | **22308** | **103.56%** | **3.56%** |
| **WC** | **20779** | **452** | **10391** | **10843** | **668** | **17645** | **18313** | **29156** | **141.24%** | **41.24%** |
| **National** | **118572** | **1399** | **45653** | **47052** | **22389** | **94227** | **116616** | **163668** | **138.03%** | **38.03%** |

**Table: 5**

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| **INMATE POPULATION** - **31 DECEMBER 2019** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Region** | **Accommodation** | **Unsentenced** | | | **Sentenced** | | | **Grand Total** | **Population level %** | **Overcrowding Level %** |
| **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** | **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** |
| **EC** | **13294** | **103** | **6273** | **6376** | **251** | **14648** | **14899** | **21275** | **160.03** | **60.03** |
| **GP** | **24877** | **497** | **12922** | **13419** | **744** | **23830** | **24574** | **37993** | **152.72** | **52.72** |
| **KZN** | **20281** | **172** | **6822** | **6994** | **423** | **19887** | **20310** | **27304** | **134.63** | **34.63** |
| **LMN** | **17799** | **124** | **7434** | **7558** | **390** | **18163** | **18553** | **26111** | **146.70** | **46.70** |
| **FSNC** | **21542** | **114** | **5764** | **5878** | **385** | **16640** | **17025** | **22903** | **106.32** | **6.32** |
| **WC** | **20779** | **460** | **11141** | **11601** | **556** | **16084** | **16640** | **28241** | **136.81** | **36.81** |
| **National** | **118572** | **1470** | **50356** | **51826** | **2749** | **109252** | **112001** | **163827** | **138.17** | **38.17** |

**Table: 6**

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| **INMATE POPULATION** - **31 JANUARY 2020** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Region** | **Accommodation** | **Unsentenced** | | | **Sentenced** | | | **Grand Total** | **Population level %** | **Overcrowding Level %** |
| **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** | **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** |
| **EC** | **13294** | **105** | **6224** | **6329** | **236** | **14092** | **14328** | **20657** | **155.39%** | **55.39%** |
| **GP** | **24877** | **522** | **13514** | **14036** | **677** | **22013** | **22690** | **36726** | **147.63%** | **47.63%** |
| **KZN** | **20281** | **170** | **7066** | **7236** | **418** | **18978** | **19396** | **26632** | **131.32%** | **31.32%** |
| **LMN** | **17799** | **125** | **7157** | **7282** | **417** | **17413** | **17830** | **25112** | **141.09%** | **41.09%** |
| **FSNC** | **21542** | **98** | **5453** | **5551** | **343** | **15764** | **16107** | **21658** | **100.54%** | **0.54%** |
| **WC** | **20779** | **515** | **11772** | **12287** | **467** | **14482** | **14949** | **27236** | **131.07%** | **31.07%** |
| **National** | **118572** | **1535** | **51186** | **52721** | **2558** | **102742** | **105300** | **158021** | **133.27%** | **33.27%** |

**Table: 7**

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| **INMATE POPULATION** - **29 FEBRUARY 2020** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Region** | **Accommodation** | **Unsentenced** | | | **Sentenced** | | | **Grand Total** | **Population level %** | **Overcrowding Level %** |
| **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** | **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** |
| **EC** | **13294** | **116** | **6106** | **6222** | **238** | **13987** | **14225** | **20447** | **153.81%** | **53.81%** |
| **GP** | **24877** | **521** | **13666** | **14187** | **677** | **21837** | **22514** | **36701** | **147.53%** | **47.53%** |
| **KZN** | **20281** | **163** | **6889** | **7052** | **402** | **17905** | **18307** | **25359** | **125.04%** | **25.04%** |
| **LMN** | **17799** | **116** | **6939** | **7055** | **386** | **17363** | **17749** | **24804** | **139.36%** | **39.36%** |
| **FSNC** | **21542** | **94** | **5420** | **5514** | **343** | **15647** | **15990** | **21504** | **99.82%** | **0.18%** |
| **WC** | **20779** | **519** | **11545** | **12064** | **496** | **14485** | **14981** | **27045** | **130.16%** | **30.16%** |
| **National** | **118572** | **1529** | **50565** | **52094** | **2542** | **101224** | **103766** | **155860** | **131.45%** | **31.45%** |

**Table: 8**

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| **INMATE POPULATION** - **31 MARCH 2020** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Region** | **Accommodation** | **Unsentenced** | | | **Sentenced** | | | **Grand Total** | **Population level %** | **Overcrowding Level %** |
| **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** | **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** |
| **EC** | **13294** | **119** | **6221** | **6340** | **238** | **13981** | **14219** | **20559** | **154.65%** | **54.65%** |
| **GP** | **24877** | **477** | **13662** | **14139** | **661** | **21412** | **22073** | **36212** | **145.56%** | **45.56%** |
| **KZN** | **20281** | **157** | **6784** | **6941** | **400** | **17779** | **18179** | **25120** | **123.86%** | **23.86%** |
| **LMN** | **17799** | **121** | **6879** | **7000** | **374** | **17289** | **17663** | **24663** | **138.56%** | **38.56%** |
| **FSNC** | **21542** | **91** | **5221** | **5312** | **349** | **15382** | **15731** | **21043** | **97.68%** | **12.32%** |
| **WC** | **20779** | **470** | **11394** | **11864** | **512** | **14464** | **14976** | **26840** | **129.17%** | **29.17%** |
| **National** | **118572** | **1435** | **50161** | **51596** | **2534** | **100307** | **102841** | **154437** | **130.25%** | **30.25%** |

**Table: 9**

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| **INMATE POPULATION** - **30 APRIL 2020** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Region** | **Accommodation** | **Unsentenced** | | | **Sentenced** | | | **Grand Total** | **Population level %** | **Overcrowding Level %** |
| **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** | **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** |
| **EC** | **13294** | **130** | **6596** | **6726** | **219** | **13653** | **13872** | **20598** | **154.94%** | **54.94%** |
| **GP** | **24877** | **580** | **15762** | **16342** | **645** | **20877** | **21522** | **37864** | **152.20%** | **52.20%** |
| **KZN** | **20281** | **187** | **7745** | **7932** | **378** | **17273** | **17651** | **25583** | **126.14%** | **26.14%** |
| **LMN** | **17799** | **138** | **7380** | **7518** | **354** | **16921** | **17275** | **24793** | **139.29%** | **39.29%** |
| **FSNC** | **21542** | **99** | **6006** | **6105** | **351** | **15167** | **15518** | **21623** | **100.38%** | **0.38%** |
| **WC** | **20779** | **479** | **11973** | **12452** | **445** | **13942** | **14387** | **26839** | **129.16%** | **29.16%** |
| **National** | **118572** | **1613** | **55462** | **57075** | **2392** | **97833** | **100225** | **157300** | **132.66%** | **32.66%** |

**Table: 10**

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| **INMATE POPULATION** - **31 MAY 2020** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Region** | **Accommodation** | **Unsentenced** | | | **Sentenced** | | | **Grand Total** | **Population level %** | **Overcrowding Level %** |
| **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** | **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** |
| **EC** | **13294** | **117** | **6296** | **6413** | **195** | **13362** | **13557** | **19970** | **128.96** | **28.96** |
| **GP** | **24877** | **541** | **15296** | **15837** | **627** | **20572** | **21199** | **37036** | **148.88** | **48.88** |
| **KZN** | **20281** | **176** | **7723** | **7899** | **303** | **16676** | **16979** | **24878** | **122.67** | **22.67** |
| **LMN** | **17799** | **107** | **6913** | **7020** | **323** | **16479** | **16802** | **23822** | **133.84** | **33.84** |
| **FSNC** | **21542** | **85** | **5524** | **5609** | **357** | **15213** | **15570** | **21179** | **98.31** | **98.31** |
| **WC** | **20779** | **411** | **11671** | **12082** | **386** | **13556** | **13942** | **26024** | **126.07** | **26.07** |
| **National** | **118572** | **1437** | **53423** | **54860** | **2191** | **95858** | **98049** | **152909** | **128.96** | **28.96** |

**Table: 11**

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| **INMATE POPULATION** - **30 JUNE 2020** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Region** | **Accommodation** | **Unsentenced** | | | **Sentenced** | | | **Grand Total** | **Population level %** | **Overcrowding Level %** |
| **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** | **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** |
| **EC** | **13294** | **108** | **6147** | **6255** | **183** | **12935** | **13118** | **19373** | **145.73%** | **45.73%** |
| **GP** | **24877** | **509** | **15017** | **15526** | **567** | **19939** | **20506** | **36032** | **144.84%** | **44.84%** |
| **KZN** | **20281** | **136** | **7017** | **7153** | **277** | **16107** | **16384** | **23537** | **116.05%** | **16.05%** |
| **LMN** | **17799** | **96** | **6274** | **6370** | **300** | **16042** | **16342** | **22712** | **127.60%** | **27.60%** |
| **FSNC** | **21542** | **74** | **4757** | **4831** | **267** | **14668** | **14935** | **19766** | **91.76%** | **8.24%** |
| **WC** | **20779** | **396** | **11494** | **11890** | **328** | **12615** | **12943** | **24833** | **119.51%** | **19.51%** |
| **National** | **118572** | **1319** | **50706** | **52025** | **1922** | **92306** | **94228** | **146253** | **123.35%** | **23.35%** |

**Table: 12**

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| **INMATE POPULATION - 31 JULY 2020** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Region** | **Accommodation** | **Unsentenced** | | | **Sentenced** | | | **Grand Total** | **Population level %** | **Overcrowding Level %** |
| **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** | **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** |
| **EC** | **12846** | **103** | **6073** | **6176** | **163** | **12446** | **12609** | **18785** | **146.23%** | **46.23%** |
| **GP** | **25204** | **460** | **14380** | **14840** | **540** | **19202** | **19742** | **34582** | **137.21%** | **37.21%** |
| **KZN** | **21278** | **134** | **6424** | **6558** | **275** | **15332** | **15607** | **22165** | **104.17%** | **4.17%** |
| **LMN** | **18929** | **70** | **5848** | **5918** | **284** | **15538** | **15822** | **21740** | **114.85%** | **14.85%** |
| **FSNC** | **21585** | **131** | **4599** | **4730** | **217** | **14078** | **14295** | **19025** | **88.14%** | **11.86%** |
| **WC** | **20725** | **354** | **10953** | **11307** | **296** | **12138** | **12434** | **23741** | **114.55%** | **14.55%** |
| **National** | **120567** | **1252** | **48277** | **49529** | **1775** | **88734** | **90509** | **140038** | **116.15%** | **16.15%** |

**Table: 13**

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| **INMATE POPULATION - 30 AUGUST 2020** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Region** | **Accommodation** | **Unsentenced** | | | **Sentenced** | | | **Grand Total** | **Population level %** | **Overcrowding Level %** |
| **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** | **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** |
| **EC** | **12846** | **96** | **5823** | **5919** | **148** | **12409** | **12557** | **18476** | **143.83%** | **43.83%** |
| **GP** | **25204** | **421** | **14146** | **14567** | **535** | **19039** | **19574** | **34141** | **135.46%** | **35.46%** |
| **KZN** | **21278** | **129** | **6253** | **6382** | **281** | **15188** | **15469** | **21851** | **102.69%** | **2.69%** |
| **LMN** | **18929** | **67** | **5408** | **5475** | **259** | **15301** | **15560** | **21035** | **111.13%** | **11.13%** |
| **FSNC** | **21585** | **79** | **4592** | **4671** | **196** | **13688** | **13884** | **18555** | **85.96%** | **14.04%** |
| **WC** | **20725** | **372** | **11038** | **11410** | **273** | **12385** | **12658** | **24068** | **116.13%** | **16.13%** |
| **National** | **120567** | **1164** | **47260** | **48424** | **1692** | **88010** | **89702** | **138126** | **114.56%** | **14.56%** |

**Table: 14**

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| **INMATE POPULATION** - **30 SEPTEMBER 2020** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Region** | **Accommodation** | **Unsentenced** | | | **Sentenced** | | | **Grand Total** | **Population level %** | **Overcrowding Level %** |
| **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** | **Females** | **Males** | **Sub total** |
| **EC** | **12846** | **92** | **5901** | **5993** | **158** | **12558** | **12716** | **18709** | **145.64%** | **45.64%** |
| **GP** | **25204** | **422** | **14058** | **14480** | **523** | **19105** | **19628** | **34108** | **135.33%** | **35.33%** |
| **KZN** | **21278** | **107** | **6293** | **6400** | **295** | **15314** | **15609** | **22009** | **103.44%** | **3.44%** |
| **LMN** | **18929** | **70** | **5622** | **5692** | **269** | **15242** | **15511** | **21203** | **112.01%** | **12.01%** |
| **FSNC** | **21585** | **72** | **4736** | **4808** | **213** | **13606** | **13819** | **18627** | **86.30%** | **13.70%** |
| **WC** | **20725** | **373** | **10819** | **11192** | **352** | **12690** | **13042** | **24234** | **116.93%** | **16.93%** |
| **National** | **120567** | **1136** | **47429** | **48565** | **1810** | **88515** | **90325** | **138890** | **115.20%** | **15.20%** |

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