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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2435**

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**2435.Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

1. With regard to media reports in 2021, which claimed that Mr Shepherd Bushiri has captured Home Affairs, giving rise to the suspension of five Home Affairs officials, including Mr Ronney Marhule who had been dismissed with immediate effect over his recommendation to issue Mr Bushiri, his wife, Mary, and their two children with permanent residency permits in 2016, what (a) are the details of the case against Mr Ronney Marhule and (b) is the status of the disciplinary hearings against the other four officials;

(2) Whether he referred the Marhule matter to the SA Police Service for criminal investigation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2862E

**REPLY:**

(1)(a) Charges against Mr Ronney Marhule were as follows:

 (i) Gross dishonesty;

 (ii) Gross negligence; and

 (iii) Non-compliance with the Immigration Act, Regulations and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPS) in relation to granting of Permanent Residence.

(1)(b) The disciplinary hearings of the other officials were postponed due to preliminary points raised by the employee. However the hearings are now proceeding as planned.

1. The matter of Mr Ronney Marhule was reported to South African Police Services for criminal investigation at Pretoria Central and it is handled by the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation, DPCI.

**END**