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**MINISTRY: JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION** **FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 2496**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 26 AUGUST 2022**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 09 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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

(1) What is the current status of the review of the parole policy of his Department;

(2) What total number of serious crimes have been committed by parolees since
01 March 2020?  **NW2956E**

**REPLY:**

1. The Department produced a draft Position Paper on the revised parole system for South Africa which was intended to form a basis for discussion and consultation with all role-players and other interested parties on proposals with a view to finalise an appropriate new parole system for South Africa. The Position Paper was consulted with National Council for Correctional Services (NCCS), Judicial Inspectorate for Correctional Services (JICS), Medical Parole Advisory Board (MPAB), and Parole Boards for inputs.

Thereafter, the Minister referred the matter to the National Council for Correctional Services in terms of section 84(2) of the Correctional Services Act, 111 of 1998.

The recommendations of the NCCS have been submitted to the Minister for consideration with a view to the way forward.

1. The table below reflects the serious crimes have been committed by parolees since 01 March 2020:

| **Nature of offence** | **01 March 2020 to 31 March 2021** | **2021/2022** | **Q1 of 2022/2023** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Attempted rape  | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Murder  | 111 | 176 | 50 |
| Rape  | 180 | 167 | 47 |
| Robbery  | 360 | 247 | 71 |
| Assault GBH | 144 | 159 | 31 |
| Domestic violence  | 90 | 103 | 0 |
| Robbery Aggravating | 10 | 37 | 38 |
| Attempted Murder | 33 | 29 | 6 |
| Sexual Assault | 20 | 4 | 7 |
| Theft | 132 | 260 | 123 |
| Fraud | 46 | 25 | 3 |
| Assault | 14 | 18 | 26 |
| Possession of firearm | 16 | 11 | 11 |
| Arson | 7 | 11 | 0 |
| Kidnapping  | 6 | 7 | 4 |
| House breaking with intent to rob | 9 | 16 | 0 |
| Damage of property | 9 | 19 | 19 |
| House breaking and theft | 9 | 18 | 66 |
| Pointing of firearm | 12 | 11 | 0 |
| Possession of drugs | 5 | 4 | 13 |
| Possession of stolen property | 1 | 9 | 17 |
| Conspiracy to commit murder | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Damage/ interfering with essential infrastructure | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Hijacking  | 10 | 7 | 1 |
| Indecent assault | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Culpable homicide | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Violation of the protection order | 2 | 0 | 15 |
| Theft from car | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Stock theft | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Intimidation  | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Trespassing  | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| **TOTAL** | **1 239** | **1 346** | **555** |

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