

**MINISTRY: JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 2544**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 26 AUGUST 2022**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 09 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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

What (a) total number of cases of abuse *(sexual and psychological*) of inmates by correctional officers have been reported to his department over the past five years and (b) steps has his department taken to resolve the phenomenon of the abuse of inmates by those who are meant to protect them? **NW3048E**

**REPLY:**

Any abuse of inmates is against the departmental code of conduct.

1. Department of Correctional Services has the following reported incidents of abuse on inmates by the officials reported over a period of five (05) years:

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| **Period** | **Type of complaint** | **Alleged number of officials** |
| 2017/18 | None | None |
| 2018/19 | None | None |
| 2019/20 | None | None |
| 2020/21 | None | None |
| 2021/22 | 02: sexual abuse | 02 |
| 01: psychological abuse |

1. In line with the departmental code of conduct, disciplinary processes were undertaken with the following outcomes:

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| **Period** | **Type of complaint** | **Outcome of disciplinary process** |
| 2017/18 | None | None |
| 2018/19 | None | None |
| 2019/20 | None | None |
| 2020/21 | None | None |
| 2021/22 | 02: sexual abuse | 01 official was not found guilty.  01 official was dismissed. |
| 01: psychological abuse | 02 officials were given written warnings |

**END**