**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 2624**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 07 SEPTEMBER 2018**

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**Adv A de W Alberts (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

1. With reference to his reply to question 379 on 19 March 2018, (a) what is the current status of the judicial inquiry into the death of the specified person (details furnished) in the Ford Kuga case and (b) by what date is the judicial inquiry anticipated to be completed;
2. why does the inquest appear before a magistrate and not a Supreme Court Judge;
3. whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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**REPLY:**

I wish to inform the Honourable Member that the Magistrate of George has requested permission from me, in terms of section 6 of the Inquests Act, 1959, to have the inquest heard by a Judge of the High Court.

I have also received follow-up representations from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions: Western Cape, which I am currently considering.