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**MINISTRY: JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 2869**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 02 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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**Mr M M Chabangu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

In light of the high crime rate in the Republic, what plans has his department put in place to build more correctional facilities? NW3469E

**REPLY:**

The department is currently undertaking the below listed projects to address inmate accommodation

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| **PROJECT** | **COMMENTS** |
| **The repair and upgrade of the Integrated Security System at Emthonjeni Youth Facility** to restore 288 bed spaces | Progress is at 85% and completion is estimated for March 2023 |
| **The upgrading of Parys Correctional Facility** to provide an approximate of 250 beds | Construction is at 55%, completion is estimated for 03 April 2023. |
| **The upgrading of the Burgersdorp Correctional Facility** to a new generation Facility to provide an approximate of 500 beds | Site was handed over to contractor in April 2022, construction is in the initial stage with an estimated completion of June 2026 |
| **The upgrade of the Litchenburg Correctional Facility** to provide an approximate of 500 bed spaces | Design is at advanced stage, department in discussions with Local Municipality on supply of bulk services. |
| **Construction of Richards Bay Correctional Facility** with an approximate 1000 bed spaces | Consultants have been appointed by Department of Public works and Infrastructure and are busy with planning on all three projects. |
| **Construction of Kirkwood Correctional Facility** with an approximate 500 bed spaces |
| **Construction of a new facility at Leeuwkop** with an approximate 1500 bed spaces |

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