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**3023.   Mr J R B Lorimer to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources:**

(1) How many prosecutions for illegal sand mining has his department initiated in each province in the (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14 and (c) 2014-15 financial years;

(2) (a) how many convictions have been secured and (b) what are the relevant details of each specified penalty imposed;

(3) has there been any rectifications performed; if not, why not; if so, (a) what rectification and (b) in which areas? NW3563E

**Reply**

1. (a) 2012 – 13 :- 07 Limpopo Region, 05 KwaZulu-Natal, and 01 Eastern Cape

(b) 2013 – 14 :- 0

(c) 2014 – 15 :-17 Limpopo Region

(2) (a) one (1) and (b) sanctions included three (3) years imprisonment suspended for five (5) years.

1. (a)(b) Illegal miners were advised to apply for mining permits and follow up inspections were conducted.