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**MINISTRY: JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 3036**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 09 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 23 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Mr V Pambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services
:**

What total number of departmental officials are (a) serving sentences for smuggling contraband into prison cells, (b) facing criminal charges and (c) facing internal departmental probes on smuggling contraband, but without formal criminal charges arising from a criminal case? **NW3674E**

**REPLY:**

1. There are three (03) officials serving sentences for smuggling contraband into prison cells as follows:
* 02: Limpopo, Mpumalanga & North West (LMN) Region
* 01: Eastern Cape Region (EC)
1. A total of 19 officials are facing criminal charges in the following regions.
* 11 cases from KwaZulu-Natal Region
* 03 cases from EC Region
* 02 cases from LMN Region
* 03 cases from Gauteng Region
1. The total number of officials facing internal departmental probes on smuggling contraband without formal criminal charges for the past two financial years including the current financial year as follows:

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| **Financial Year** | **Total Number** |
| 2020/2021 | 34 |
| 2021/2022 | 104 |
| 2022/2023 (April-August 2022) | 56 |

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