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**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr C MacKenzie (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

1. How many instances of mail theft were reported at the Johannesburg

International Mail Centre in each month during the period 1 January 2016 to

31 July 2017;

(2)   Whether any employees employed at the specified centre have faced (a) criminal

and/or (b) disciplinary charges; if not, in each case, why not; if so, (i) what number of employees faced criminal and/or disciplinary charges and (ii) what (aa) are the relevant details and (bb) is the current status of each charges? NW3393E

**REPLY:**

**I have been informed by SAPO as follows:**

1. The volumes handled at JIMC for the period 1 January 2016 to 31 July 2017 in total were 20.9 million items. There was a total of 605 incidents reported by clients to for investigation as cases of theft and/or items found violated:

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| **Month** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sep** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** | **Total** |
| **2016** | 48 | 23 | 45 | 47 | 38 | 38 | 23 | 20 | 32 | 21 | 25 | 13 | 373 |
| **2017** | 26 | 24 | 15 | 43 | 43 | 43 | 38 |  |  |  |  |  | 232 |
|  | | | | | | | | | | | | | 605 |

During the course of investigation the cases were classified as follow:

* 143 items were found intact and confirmed that there was no theft
* 146 items are still under investigation
* 316 were considered as theft (304 of these could not be linked to any individual and 12 were linked to individuals of which 5 were SAPO employees).

2 (a)  No Post Office employees faced criminal charges

(b)  Disciplinary charges were instituted against the SAPO employees.

(i) Five employees were charged.

(ii)(aa) The five employees were charged for violation/theft of mail and non-compliance to Procedures.

(ii)(bb) Two cases were finalised and three are still in progress. Of the two finalised cases, one employee was found not guilty and the other one was found guilty and dismissed.

**Approved/Not Approved**

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**Dr Siyabonga Cwele, MP**

**Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services**

**Date:**