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**QUESTION 328**

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**328. Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**(1) What was the outcome of the arrest of an undocumented Nigerian male with the assistance of the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Police Department on 2 July 2019 for being in possession of a large quantity of illegal drugs, given that the suspect was an undocumented person;

(2) on what grounds was the suspect released from police custody on 3 July 2019;

(3) whether the Bedfordview Police Station followed all necessary processes in the processing of CAS 07/07/2019; if so, what are the relevant details;

(4) whether he has found that any police officer stationed at the specified police station was involved in the alleged irregular early release of the suspect; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) are the relevant details and (b) steps will be taken in this regard?
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**REPLY:**( 1) The suspect was detained at the Bedfordview Police Station for investigation.

(2) The suspect was released on bail.

(3) No, the necessary processes were not followed. The suspect's address was never verified and it was found that his passport had expired, in 2016.

(4)(a) Yes, a Sergeant at the police station.

(4)(b) A departmental investigation into the matter was initiated, as per DR 25/07/2019 and a criminal case of defeating the ends of justice was opened, as per Bedfordview, CAS 27/07/2019.

Reply to question 328 recommended

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