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**3409. Mr Y Cassim (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) What procedure must be followed by staff who work at places of safety if a child at the institution goes missing;

(2) what are the consequences for staff members who do not follow the relevant procedure? NW3801E

**Reply:** (1)The procedure to be followed by staff who work at Temporary Safe Care formerly called Places of Safety if a child at the institution goes missing, is that they must immediately report the matter to the nearest police station for the case to be investigated. The DSD managers at the district level, Head of the Department and case manager must be informed. The case manager must inform the parent(s) and the children’s court.

(2) The case must be reported to the Provincial DSD Human Resource Management, (Labour Relations Unit) for an investigation if it has been determined that staff member/s did not follow the relevant procedures and the disciplinary processes must be followed.