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**MINISTRY**

**JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 35**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 09 FEBRAURY 2023**

**DATE SUBMISSION: 23 FEBRUARY 2023**

**Mr J Engelbrecht (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

What total number of inmates were serving life sentences in each (a) month, (b) year and (c) province from 2000 to 2007?

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**REPLY:**

1. Provision of the data per months is not possible due to server breakdowns in the past, which resulted in data loss of captured historical day to day movements. However, this loss impacts on the correctness of data for months and not the years. When broken down into months it does not reflect the true picture of the number of active offenders per month due to data gaps.

(b) & (c)

| **(c) PROVINCE** | **(b) YEAR** | | | | | | | |
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| **2000** | **2001** | **2002** | **2003** | **2004** | **2005** | **2006** | **2007** |
| **EASTERN CAPE** | 242 | 336 | 456 | 554 | 673 | 783 | 864 | 924 |
| **FREE STATE** | 166 | 243 | 321 | 378 | 446 | 498 | 542 | 598 |
| **GAUTENG** | 404 | 568 | 760 | 988 | 1 226 | 1 404 | 1 589 | 1 720 |
| **KWAZULU-NATAL** | 362 | 590 | 816 | 1 010 | 1 245 | 1 501 | 1 759 | 1 976 |
| **LIMPOPO** | 69 | 121 | 165 | 203 | 249 | 290 | 318 | 344 |
| **MPUMALANGA** | 47 | 69 | 101 | 130 | 172 | 221 | 254 | 286 |
| **NORTH WEST** | 89 | 156 | 241 | 325 | 389 | 444 | 479 | 511 |
| **NORTHERN CAPE** | 23 | 43 | 58 | 70 | 73 | 74 | 76 | 80 |
| **WESTERN CAPE** | 165 | 220 | 277 | 363 | 434 | 498 | 533 | 570 |
| **GRAND TOTAL** | **1 567** | **2 346** | **3 195** | **4 021** | **4 907** | **5 713** | **6 414** | **7 009** |

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