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**MINISTRY**

**JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 37**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 09 FEBRUARY 2023**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 23 FEBRUARY 2023**

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

What total number of inmates who are serving life sentences in each (a) month, (b) year and (c) province have successfully appealed against their convictions and were released since 2007? **NW37E**

**REPLY:**

(a) Provision of the data per month is not possible due to the complexity and data limitations of the daily offender movements, wherein according to procedures an offender is temporarily released from the system for various purposes (their status changes to inactive) and when they come back they are readmitted (status changes to active in the movement data on the system). This is part of the daily correctional centre operations.

These movements may include among others transfers from one centre to the other, movement to courts, hospital and others.

(b)&(c) Total number of inmates who successfully appealed and released since 2007:

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| **(c) Province** | **(b) Year** | **Total** **successfully appealed and released since 2007** |
| **2007** | **2008** | **2009** | **2010** | **2011** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** |
| **EASTERN CAPE** | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 0 | **50** |
| **FREE STATE** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **7** |
| **GAUTENG** | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 5 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 0 | **96** |
| **KWAZULU-NATAL** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 11 | 6 | 14 | 10 | 25 | 18 | 18 | 11 | 9 | 13 | 5 | 12 | 3 | **160** |
| **LIMPOPO** | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | **62** |
| **MPUMALANGA** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **4** |
| **NORTH WEST** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | **20** |
| **NORTHERN CAPE** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| **WESTERN CAPE** | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | **26** |
| **GRAND TOTAL** | **4** | **8** | **6** | **14** | **27** | **26** | **38** | **31** | **52** | **39** | **46** | **33** | **28** | **23** | **22** | **24** | **4** | **425** |

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