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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO: 3706**

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

(1) What (a) is the current status of the parole application for a certain person (Mr Nicholas Pike) and (b) are the reasons for the delay in processing the specified application;

(2) when are the specified delays expected to be resolved ?

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**REPLY**

(1)(a) The offender was sentenced on 6 December 2006 to four (4) years imprisonment in terms of section 276(1)(i) of the Criminal Procedure Act, Act 51 of 1977 for driving a motor vehicle without the owner’s permission and theft. He was placed on Correctional Supervision on the 17 August 2007. The offender absconded from the system of community corrections. He committed crimes during this period and was sentenced on the 19th April 2008 to 15 years imprisonment for fraud and forgery and again on 20th April 2010 was sentenced to five (05) years imprisonment for fraud and forgery and the court ordered that the sentence to run concurrently with the 15 years imprisonment. He was considered by the Correctional Supervision and Parole Board (CSPB) for possible placement on parole on the 16th October 2014 and was given a further profile for the 18th February 2015.

(b) During consideration by the CSPB it was discovered that the offender did not complete his Correctional Supervision period and Community Corrections Office of Kgoši Mampuru II Management Area was approached for clarity on the number of outstanding days to be served for parole violation. Clarification was received from the Community Corrections offices that the offender still has to serve an additional 1193 days of his previous sentence. The effective sentence is currently 15 years plus 1193 days imprisonment.

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(2) On 20 October 2015 the Community Corrections Office at Kgoši Mampuru II Management Area visited the CSPB at Leeuwkop Management Area, explained to the offender the period to be served for his absconding. Subsequently, he appeared before the CSPB on the 20th October 2015 and it was decided that he will be reconsidered on the 21st July 2016.