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**372. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(a) Against what number of SA Social Security Agency officials and/or personnel were criminal cases opened for (i) theft, (ii) corruption, (iii) mismanagement, (iv) irregular payments, (v) system outages, (vi) cyber-attacks, (vii) system glitches and (viii) card duplication in each year in the past 10 years and (b) what (i) total number of officials were prosecuted and found guilty and (ii) were their sentences? NW379E

**REPLY:** (i) ii) response in the table below

iii) to viii) not applicable

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| NO | YEAR | NUMBER OF SASSA OFFICIALS INVOLVED ON THE CASES REFERRED TO THE SAPS |
| 1 | 2021/2022 | 50 |
| 2 | 2020/2021 | 20 |
| 3 | 2019/2020 | 16 |
| 4 | 2018/2019 | 52 |
| 5 | 2017/2018 | 195 |
| 6 | 2016/2017 | 22 |
| 7 | 2015/2016 | 337 |
| 8 | 2014/2015 | 3 |
| 9 | 2013/2014 | 56 |
| 10 | 2012/2013 | 10 |
|  | **Subtotal** | **761** |
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**(ii)** The total cases represent allegation of fraud, theft and corruption cases referred to the South African Police Service (SAPS) for further investigation.

**(b) (i) and (ii)**

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| NO | YEAR | 1. PROSECUTED AND FOUND GUILTY BY COURT | 1. THEIR RESPECTIVE SENTENCES |
| 1 | 2021/2022 | 1 official found guilty | 5 years imprisonment - Judgment handed down during February 2023 |
| 2 | 2020/2021 | 1 official found guilty | Suspended Sentence |
| 3 | 2019/2020 | None | N/A |
| 4 | 2018/2019 | None | N/A |
| 5 | 2017/2018 | 1 official found guilty | 10 years imprisonment  Matter was referred to the SAPS in 2011 and judgment was handed down in 2018 |
| 6 | 2016/2017 | 1 official found guilty | 2 years imprisonment sentence- Judgement handed down in January 2023 |
| 7 | 2015/2016 | 2 officials found guilty | two officials were convicted to 5 years direct imprisonment - Judgment handed down during February 2023 |
| 8 | 2014/2015 | 1 official found guilty | Suspended Sentence - Loss recovered from Pension |
| 9 | 2013/2014 | 1 official found guilty | One sentenced to 7 Years imprisonment |
| 10 | 2012/2013 | 5 officials | All five officials sentenced to respective 7 Years imprisonment |
|  | **Subtotal** | **13 Officials** |  |