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| **PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**  **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY** |

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 410**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 13 MARCH 2020**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 27 MARCH 2020**

**Ms D Kohler (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

What (a) is the total number of (i)(aa) male and (bb) female persons, who were sentenced to life imprisonment since 10 May 1994, and (ii) persons whose death sentences were converted to life imprisonment and (b) number of the specified persons (i) have died in prison while serving sentence, (ii) have been released due to successful appeals against convictions and/or sentences, (iii) have been released on parole, (iv) have had life sentences converted to correctional supervision and released from prison and (v) are currently still serving sentences of life imprisonment?  **NW589E**

**REPLY:**

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| **Question** | **Total Number** |
| **(a)(i)(aa)** since 10 May 1994total male  (The 16 active + 13 inactive male = Total 29, death sentence converted to life is already included in this number) | **20 167** |
| **(a)(i)(bb)** since 10 May 1994total female  (The 2 inactive female death sentence converted to life is already included in this number) | **254** |
| **Grand Total**  (The 16 active males + 13 inactive male (29) + 2 inactive female =  (Total 31), death sentence converted to life is already included in this number) | **20 421** |
| **(a)(ii)**  total death converted to life  (Total death converted to life imprisonment is calculated as follows;  **(16) Active + (15) Inactive = Total 31** | **31**  Stand alone |
| **Active** Death sentences converted to life  (**The16 active death sentence converted to life is already include within the Grand Total of life sentenced after 10 May 1994 it is therefore NOT counted again**) | **16**  Not counted again |
| **Inactive** Death sentences converted to life  **(The 15 inactive death sentence converted to life are no longer forming part of the remaining number of those who are still serving life imprisonment and is therefore SUBTRACTED from the Grand Total)** | **15**  Minus from grand total |
| **(b)(i)** since 10 May 1994  total died whilst serving sentence | **1 268**  Minus from grand total |
| **(b)(ii)** since 10 May 1994  released due to successful appeals against sentence or conviction | **0** |
| **(b)(iii**) since 10 May 1994  released on parole | **1 174**  Minus from grand total |
| **(b)(iv)** since 10 May 1994  life sentences converted to correctional supervision and released from prison | **0** |
| **(b)(v)** since 10 May 1994  **currently still serving sentences of life imprisonment** | **16 798** |

**Take note**: 1166 offenders are reflected as ‘other’, because their statuses fall outside the questions asked. It is however necessary to reflect the number as to ensure the alignment with the current number of offenders who are still serving sentences of life imprisonment.

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| Other  (**Inactive**, not returned from court, bail pending appeal etc.) | **1 166**  Minus from grand total |

**END…**