**QUESTION FOR ORAL REPLY**

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**417 .Ms L L van Der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

Since he took office in 2019, what has he found to be the most notable successes of the Immigration Service Inspectorate? NW421E

**REPLY:**

There have been a number of notable successes that the Inspectorate have achieved since 2019 such as maintaining regular deportations which have numbered 29376 in 2019/20 and in the financial year 2020/21 we have deported 11787.

The Inspectorate are participants in the weekly Okae Mulao Operations led by the Provincial Commissioner of SAPS.

The Inspectorate has also assisted in the removal of the UNHCR protesters in Pretoria in November 2021 and from Greenmarket Square and the Central Methodist Church in April 2020 and further verifications of such persons who were relocated to 2 Shelters at Wingfield and Paint during the course of October and November 2020 resulting in 204 arrests of undocumented persons.

The Inspectorate are also part of the inter-sectoral task team that deals with violence within the trucking industry in 54 joint law enforcement operations/roadblocks with the Department of Employment and Labour, Department of Transport, the South African Police Services, Metro Police Departments and Bargaining Council, whereby the Department was able to apprehend and charge offenders as follow, **33** cases were opened against Employers (Charged) and **160** Undocumented foreign truck drivers were charged.

During the period 2 January 2021 to February 20 2021 60 inspectorate officials were deployed to the high risk borderline areas and conducted 13088 direct deportations of those encountered attempting to enter the country clandestinely.

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