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**Mr C MacKenzie (DA) to ask the Minister of Communications:**

What are the reasons the SA Post Office in Walmer, Port Elizabeth has been closed to the public, (b) on what date is the post office likely to reopen and (c) what happens to the mail and parcels of customers awaiting collection from the Walmer Post Office?

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**REPLY:**

**I have been advised by SAPO as follows:**

1. The Walmer Post Office was closed following an armed robbery on 1July 2019. All staff members with the exception of one employee were present when the robbery occurred and were booked off for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Customers were referred to the nearest post office, that is, Emerald Hill, which is 6 kms away as well as Central Hill, which is 3.7 kms away.
2. The Walmer Post Office opened on 19August 2019 after staff were requested to return from sick leave where possible.
3. The mail was delivered to the Emerald Hill and Central Hill Post Offices depending on where customers resided and the Walmer Post Office was opened twice a week during the closure period to deliver parcels to customers.

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**MINISTER**