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

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 758**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 08 MAY 2020**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 22 MAY 2020**

**Mr M G E Hendricks (Al Jama-ah) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

Whether, given that no prisoners are allowed to receive any visitors due to the
COVID-19 lockdown to curb the spread of the virus, the families of Muslim prisoners will be allowed during the last week of Ramadan to bring them gift packs of sweet treats and drinks in celebration of Eid-ul Fitr; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW960E**

**REPLY:**

No,

The State President announced a state of disaster in March 2020, putting the country in a state of lockdown. Subsequently, the Department suspended all visits to Correctional Centres.

Based on the above, Correctional Centres will not be able to receive any gift packs for offenders as there are no visits permitted during Level 05 and 04 of lockdown.

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