



**MINISTRY: JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 292

DATE OF QUESTION: 18 FEBRUARY 2022

DATE OF SUBMISSION: 04 MARCH 2022

Mrs Y.N Yako (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

What (a) is the current state of overcrowding in correctional centres and (b) are the relevant details of overcrowding in each prison? **NW303E**

REPLY

(a) The state of overcrowding in correctional centres as at 01 February 2022 was 27.41% above the approved bed space.

The table below reflects the level of overcrowding per region:

NATIONAL INMATE POPULATION				
INMATE POPULATION: 01 FEBRUARY 2022				
REGION	APPROVED BED SPACE	GRAND TOTAL (INMATE POPULATION)	OCCUPANCY LEVELS	OVERCROWDING LEVELS
EASTERN CAPE	12583	19986	158.83%	58.83%
GAUTENG	23632	31989	135.36%	35.36%
KWAZULU-NATAL	18759	21743	115.91%	15.91%
LIMPOPO, MPUMALANGA & NORTH WEST	18643	21821	117.05%	17.05%
FREE STATE & NORTHERN CAPE	19202	19005	98.97%	-1.03%
WESTERN CAPE	18017	26677	148.07%	48.07%
NATIONAL	110836	141221	127.41%	27.41%

(b) The tables below reflect the relevant details of overcrowding in each prison:

REGION: EASTERN CAPE (EC)				
INMATE POPULATION: 01 FEBRUARY 2022				
CORRECTIONAL CENTRE	APPROVED BED SPACE	GRAND TOTAL (INMATE POPULATION)	OCCUPANCY LEVELS	OVERCROWDING LEVELS
FORT BEAUFORT	153	40	26.14%	-73.86%
GRAHAMSTOWN	281	508	180.78%	80.78%
KING WILLIAM'S TOWN	275	797	289.82%	189.82%
MIDDLEDRIFT	590	1096	185.76%	85.76%
STUTTERHEIM	44	58	131.82%	31.82%
EAST LONDON MED. A	780	1330	170.51%	70.51%
EAST LONDON MED. B	480	1008	210.00%	110.00%
EAST LONDON MED. C	342	232	67.84%	-32.16%
MDANTSANE	697	1296	185.94%	85.94%
GRAAFF-REINET	70	143	204.29%	104.29%
JANSENVILLE	34	24	70.59%	-29.41%
KIRKWOOD	712	766	107.58%	7.58%
SOMERSET-EAST	122	156	127.87%	27.87%
BIZANA	48	158	329.17%	229.17%
ELLIOTDALE	50	26	52.00%	-48.00%
FLAGSTAFF	54	132	244.44%	144.44%
LUSIKISIKI	122	352	288.52%	188.52%
MOUNT AYLIFF	72	137	190.28%	90.28%
MOUNT FLETCHER	118	196	166.10%	66.10%
MOUNT FRERE	52	106	203.85%	103.85%
MQANDULI	70	110	157.14%	57.14%
NQGELENI	85	137	161.18%	61.18%
TABANKULU	51	32	62.75%	-37.25%
MTHATHA REMAND	607	1121	184.68%	84.68%
MTHATHA MEDIUM	672	1518	225.89%	125.89%
BARKLY-EAST	69	100	144.93%	44.93%
BURGERSDORP	220	476	216.36%	116.36%
BUTTERWORTH	130	336	258.46%	158.46%
COFIMVABA	99	28	28.28%	-71.72%
CRADOCK	319	352	110.34%	10.34%
DODRECHT	114	130	114.04%	14.04%
ENGCOBO	75	145	193.33%	93.33%
IDUTYWA	82	154	187.80%	87.80%
LADY FRERE	51	69	135.29%	35.29%
MIDDELBURG	351	493	140.46%	40.46%
NQAMAKWE	53	69	130.19%	30.19%

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INMATE POPULATION: 01 FEBRUARY 2022				
CORRECTIONAL CENTRE	APPROVED BED SPACE	GRAND TOTAL (INMATE POPULATION)	OCCUPANCY LEVELS	OVERCROWDING LEVELS
QUEENSTOWN	129	343	265.89%	165.89%
SADA	318	424	133.33%	33.33%
STERKSPRUIT	64	74	115.63%	15.63%
WILLOWVALE	44	92	209.09%	109.09%
ST ALBANS MAX.	1322	1962	148.41%	48.41%
ST ALBANS MED.A	686	1234	179.88%	79.88%
ST ALBANS MED.B	861	1243	144.37%	44.37%
PATENSIE	425	344	80.94%	-19.06%
PORT ELIZABETH	590	439	74.41%	-25.59%

REGION: GAUTENG (GP)				
INMATE POPULATION: 01 FEBRUARY 2022				
CORRECTIONAL CENTRE	APPROVED BED SPACE	GRAND TOTAL (INMATE POPULATION)	OCCUPANCY LEVELS	OVERCROWDING LEVELS
BAVIAANSPOORT MAX	360	554	153.89%	53.89%
BAVIAANSPOORT MED	649	829	127.73%	27.73%
EMTHONJENI	192	172	89.58%	-10.42%
BOKSBURG MED A	2062	2433	117.99%	17.99%
BOKSBURG JUVENILES	271	318	117.34%	17.34%
HEIDELBERG MALE	517	642	124.18%	24.18%
JOHANNESBURG MED A	2468	5234	212.07%	112.07%
JOHANNESBURG MED B	1499	2216	147.83%	47.83%
JOHANNESBURG MED C	307	401	130.62%	30.62%
JOHANNESBURG FEMALE	711	866	121.80%	21.80%
KRUGERSDORP	1466	2180	148.70%	48.70%
LEEUEWKOP MAX	688	1069	155.38%	55.38%
LEEUEWKOP MED A	954	810	84.91%	-15.09%
LEEUEWKOP MED B JUVENILE	673	640	95.10%	-4.90%
LEEUEWKOP MED C	601	868	144.43%	44.43%
MODDERBEE	2309	3305	143.14%	43.14%
DEVON	347	188	54.18%	-45.82%
NIGEL	310	365	117.74%	17.74%
KGOŠI MAMPURU II MAX	294	277	94.22%	-5.78%
KGOŠI MAMPURU II LOCAL	2306	2944	127.67%	27.67%
KGOŠI MAMPURU II CENTRAL	1514	2010	132.76%	32.76%
KGOŠI MAMPURU II FEMALE	132	184	139.39%	39.39%
ODI	861	977	113.47%	13.47%

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ATTERIDGEVILLE	546	532	97.44%	-2.56%
ZONDERWATER MED A	825	1062	128.73%	28.73%
ZONDERWATER MED B	770	913	118.57%	18.57%

REGION: KWAZULU NATAL (KZN)				
INMATE POPULATION: 01 FEBRUARY 2022				
CORRECTIONAL CENTRE	APPROVED BED SPACE	GRAND TOTAL (INMATE POPULATION)	OCCUPANCY LEVELS	OVERCROWDING LEVELS
DBN MED A	2202	2900	131.70%	31.70%
DBN MED B	1936	3067	158.42%	58.42%
DBN MED C	552	814	147.46%	47.46%
DBN FEMALE	230	320	139.13%	39.13%
DBN YOUTH	732	273	37.30%	-62.70%
UMZINTO	378	197	52.12%	-47.88%
INGWAVUMA	71	50	70.42%	-29.58%
MTUNZINI	84	100	119.05%	19.05%
STANGER	81	72	88.89%	-11.11%
MAPHUMULO	44	47	106.82%	6.82%
ESHOWE	459	586	127.67%	27.67%
EMPANGENI	276	260	94.20%	-5.80%
QALAKABUSHA	1638	1713	104.58%	4.58%
GLENCOE	497	478	96.18%	-3.82%
DUNDEE	82	104	126.83%	26.83%
POMEROY	78	21	26.92%	-73.08%
LADYSMITH	307	599	195.11%	95.11%
BERGVILLE	24	25	104.17%	4.17%
GREYTOWN	57	76	133.33%	33.33%
ESTCOURT	513	503	98.05%	-1.95%
KRANSKOP	59	120	203.39%	103.39%
EBONGWENI	1536	518	33.72%	-66.28%
PORT SHEPSTONE	180	155	86.11%	-13.89%
KOKSTAD MED	345	426	123.48%	23.48%
MATATIELE	70	78	111.43%	11.43%
UMZIMKULU	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
NONGOMA	46	47	102.17%	2.17%
NCOME MED A	534	770	144.19%	44.19%
NCOME MED B	724	851	117.54%	17.54%

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MELMOTH	44	52	118.18%	18.18%
VRYHEID	244	342	140.16%	40.16%
NKANDLA	36	36	100.00%	0.00%
PMB MED A	1493	3087	206.76%	106.76%
PMB MED B	328	364	110.98%	10.98%
SEVONTEIN	823	844	102.55%	2.55%
NEW HANOVER	110	147	133.64%	33.64%
IXOPO	79	96	121.52%	21.52%
WATERVAL MED A	608	661	108.72%	8.72%
WATERVAL MED B	359	470	130.92%	30.92%
UTHRECT	38	35	92.11%	-7.89%
NEWCASTLE	254	395	155.51%	55.51%
EKUSENI	608	44	7.24%	-92.76%

REGION: LIMPOPO, MPUMALANGA AND NORTH WEST (LMN)				
INMATE POPULATION: 01 FEBRUARY 2022				
CORRECTIONAL CENTRE	APPROVED BED SPACE	GRAND TOTAL (INMATE POPULATION)	OCCUPANCY LEVELS	OVERCROWDING LEVELS
BARBERTON MAX	795	1263	158.87%	58.87%
BARBERTON MED A	154	0	0.00%	-100.00%
BARBERTON MED B	655	928	141.68%	41.68%
BARBERTON TOWN	334	301	90.12%	-9.88%
LYDENBURG	82	82	100.00%	0.00%
NELSPRUIT	757	1086	143.46%	43.46%
BETHAL	765	936	122.35%	22.35%
GELUK	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
VOLKRUST	198	242	122.22%	22.22%
PIET RETIEF	245	351	143.27%	43.27%
ERMELO	499	622	124.65%	24.65%
STANDERTON	1462	718	49.11%	-50.89%
KLERKSDORP	1136	1314	115.67%	15.67%
POTCHEFSTROOM	636	721	113.36%	13.36%
CHRISTIANA	112	107	95.54%	-4.46%
WOLMARANSTAD	101	125	123.76%	23.76%
POLOKWANE	480	856	178.33%	78.33%
MODOMOLLE	315	526	166.98%	66.98%
TZANEEN	501	426	85.03%	-14.97%

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CORRECTIONAL CENTRE	APPROVED BED SPACE	GRAND TOTAL (INMATE POPULATION)	OCCUPANCY LEVELS	OVERCROWDING LEVELS
ROOIGROND MED A	645	884	137.05%	37.05%
ROOIGROND MED B	249	367	147.39%	47.39%
MAFIKENG	100	64	64.00%	-36.00%
LICHTENBURG	264	262	99.24%	-0.76%
ZEERUST	140	160	114.29%	14.29%
BRITS	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
LOSPERFONTEIN	792	756	95.45%	-4.55%
MOGWASE	396	555	140.15%	40.15%
RUSTENBURG MED A	555	519	93.51%	-6.49%
RUSTENBURG MED B	152	97	63.82%	-36.18%
THOHOYANDOU MED A	685	955	139.42%	39.42%
THOHOYANDOU MED B	217	709	326.73%	226.73%
FEMALE & YOUTH	124	212	170.97%	70.97%
MAKHADO	303	626	206.60%	106.60%
KUTAMA SINTHUMULE	3024	3024	100.00%	0.00%
BELFAST	54	50	92.59%	-7.41%
CAROLINA	109	81	74.31%	-25.69%
MIDDLEBURG	287	344	119.86%	19.86%
WITBANK	1320	1552	117.58%	17.58%

REGION: FREE STATE AND NORTHERN CAPE (FSNC)				
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CORRECTIONAL CENTRE	APPROVED BED SPACE	GRAND TOTAL (INMATE POPULATION)	OCCUPANCY LEVELS	OVERCROWDING LEVELS
COLESBERG	153	214	139.87%	39.87%
DE AAR MALE	265	244	92.08%	-7.92%
HOPETOWN	40	57	142.50%	42.50%
RICHMOND	39	41	105.13%	5.13%
VICTORIA WEST	81	100	123.46%	23.46%
GOEDEMOED A	769	368	47.85%	-52.15%
GOEDEMOED B	566	254	44.88%	-55.12%
BETHULIE	42	66	157.14%	57.14%
EDENBURG	92	44	47.83%	-52.17%
FAURESMITH	28	20	71.43%	-28.57%
ZASTRON	59	8	13.56%	-86.44%
GROENPUNT MAX	1531	1836	119.92%	19.92%
GROENPUNT MED	687	528	76.86%	-23.14%

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GROENPUNT YOUTH	227	134	59.03%	-40.97%
FRANKFORT	61	93	152.46%	52.46%
HEILBRON	51	68	133.33%	33.33%
PARYS	68	85	125.00%	25.00%
SASOLBURG	310	390	125.81%	25.81%
VEREENIGING	739	1069	144.65%	44.65%
GROOTVLEI A	806	1693	210.05%	110.05%
GROOTVLEI B	237	242	102.11%	2.11%
BRANDFORT	146	19	13.01%	-86.99%
BOSHOF	56	47	83.93%	-16.07%
LADYBRAND	43	40	93.02%	-6.98%
WEPENER	113	93	82.30%	-17.70%
WINBURG	158	105	66.46%	-33.54%
MANGAUNG	2928	2928	100.00%	0.00%
KIMBERLEY	750	784	104.53%	4.53%
TSWELOPELE	2930	1659	56.62%	-43.38%
BARKLEY WEST	58	38	65.52%	-34.48%
DOUGLAS	279	223	79.93%	-20.07%
BIZZA MAKHATE A	974	998	102.46%	2.46%
BIZZA MAKHATE B	534	674	126.22%	26.22%
BIZZA MAKHATE C	210	319	151.90%	51.90%
BIZZA MAKHATE D	53	0	0.00%	0.00%
BETHLEHEM	201	297	147.76%	47.76%
FICKSBURG	70	56	80.00%	-20.00%
HARRISMITH	215	397	184.65%	84.65%
HENNENMAN	230	183	79.57%	-20.43%
HOOPSTAD	102	38	37.25%	-62.75%
LINDLEY	42	34	80.95%	-19.05%
ODENDAALSRUS	367	633	172.48%	72.48%
SENEKAL	106	127	119.81%	19.81%
VENTERBURG	229	136	59.39%	-40.61%
VIRGINIA	378	317	83.86%	-16.14%
UPINGTON	772	805	104.27%	4.27%
KURUMAN	338	364	107.69%	7.69%
SPRINGBOK	69	137	198.55%	98.55%

REGION: WESTERN CAPE (WC)				
INMATE POPULATION: 01 FEBRUARY 2022				

CORRECTIONAL CENTRE	APPROVED BED SPACE	GRAND TOTAL (INMATE POPULATION)	OCCUPANCY LEVELS	OVERCROWDING LEVELS
ALLANDALE	292	826	282.88%	182.88%
HAWEQUA	201	158	78.61%	-21.39%
OBIQUA	235	321	136.60%	36.60%
STAART VAN PAARDEBERG	222	325	146.40%	46.40%
BRANDVLEI MEDIUM C	289	492	170.24%	70.24%
BRANDVLEI YOUTH	300	191	63.67%	-36.33%
BRANDVLEI MAXIMUM (MEDIUM)	981	787	80.22%	-19.78%
BRANDVLEI MAXIMUM	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
DRAKENSTEIN MEDIUM A	501	731	145.91%	45.91%
DRAKENSTEIN MEDIUM B	497	477	95.98%	-4.02%
DRAKENSTEIN MAXIMUM	375	546	145.60%	45.60%
STELLENBOSCH	54	113	209.26%	109.26%
BEAUFORT-WEST	75	165	220.00%	120.00%
GEORGE	517	1163	224.95%	124.95%
KNYSNA	167	378	226.35%	126.35%
LADISMITH	48	72	150.00%	50.00%
MOSELBAAI	313	627	200.32%	100.32%
OUDTSHOORN MEDIUM A	273	573	209.89%	109.89%
OUDTSHOORN MEDIUM B	63	102	161.90%	61.90%
PRINCE ALBERT	38	76	200.00%	100.00%
UNIONDALE	39	66	169.23%	69.23%
GOODWOOD	1713	2625	153.24%	53.24%
BUFFELJAGSRIVIER	215	430	200.00%	100.00%
CALEDON RDF	192	389	202.60%	102.60%
HELDERSTROOM MED A	615	1000	162.60%	62.60%
HELDERSTROOM MAX	534	809	151.50%	51.50%
SWELLENDAM	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
MALMESBURY MEDIUM A	1105	1519	137.47%	37.47%
MALMESBURY RDF	158	278	175.95%	75.95%
RIEBEEK-WEST	185	149	80.54%	-19.46%
POLLSMOOR RDF	1423	2894	203.37%	103.37%
POLLSMOOR MEDIUM A	1028	1406	136.77%	36.77%
POLLSMOOR MEDIUM B	512	1135	221.68%	121.68%
POLLSMOOR MEDIUM C	520	360	69.23%	-30.77%
POLLSMOOR FEMALES	408	599	146.81%	46.81%
CALVINIA	29	46	158.62%	58.62%
VANRHYNSDORP	552	606	109.78%	9.78%
VOORBERG MEDIUM A	461	444	96.31%	-3.69%
VOORBERG MEDIUM B	1433	1464	102.16%	2.16%
DWARSRIVIER	179	325	181.56%	81.56%

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ROBERTSON	203	369	181.77%	81.77%
WARMBOKKEVELD	554	476	85.92%	-14.08%
WORCESTER MALES	406	941	231.77%	131.77%
WORCESTER FEMALES	112	224	200.00%	100.00%

It should be mentioned that Barberton Medium A and Bizzah Makhate Medium D are designated COVID-19 sites. A total of three facilities were closed down due to dilapidation namely Swellendam, Brandvlei Maximum and Geluk Correctional Centres.

Brits and UMzimkulu centres are temporarily closed for upgrades, the latter has resulted in the facility not being occupied.

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