



JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 75

DATE OF QUESTION: 15 MARCH 2024

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Mr G Michalakis (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

- (1) With reference to the closing down of the old Parys Correctional Facility, (a) what are the (i) exact cost implications of staff for being stationed elsewhere and (ii) transport costs for each month and (b) how long has this facility been closed;
- (2) what effect the closure of such a facility has on overcrowding at (a) Sasolburg, (b) Koppies and (c) other surrounding correctional facilities? **CW82E**

REPLY:

(1)(a)(i) It should be noted that in-line with the Departmental transfer policy, no additional costs are incurred in terms of salaries when officials are temporarily transferred to a correctional centre other than that which they are appointed at.

(1)(a)(ii) The costs in relation to transportation of officials are as follows:

Route	Month	Average Cost per km	Kilometres travelled	Cost
Parys to Sasolburg	April 2022	R1.50	5 969	R8 953.50
	May 2022	R3.41	5 969	R20 354.29
	June 2022	R3.12	5 969	R18 623.28
	July 2022	R4.17	5 969	R24 890.73
	August 2022	R3.73	5 969	R22 264.37

Route	Month	Average Cost per km	Kilometres travelled	Cost
	September 2022	R3.34	5 969	R19 936.46
	October 2022	R3.30	5 969	R19 697.70
	November 2022	R3.71	5 969	R22 144.99
	December 2022	R2.50	5 969	R14 922.50
	January 2023	R3.13	5 969	R18 682.97
	February 2023	R3.11	5 969	R18 563.59
	March 2023	R3.55	5 969	R21 189.95
Total 2022/23 financial year			71 628	R230 224.33
Parys to Vereeniging	April 2022	R2.73	4191	11 441.43
	May 2022	R2.95	4191	12 363.45
	June 2022	R3.74	4191	15 674.34
	July 2022	R2.79	4191	11 692.89
	August 2022	R2.46	4191	10 309.86
	September 2022	R2.41	4191	10 100.31
	October 2022	R2.44	4191	10 226.04
	November 2022	R2.73	4191	11 441.43
	December 2022	R3.40	4191	14 249.40
	January 2023	R2.79	4191	11 692.89
	February 2023	R2.85	4191	11 944.35
	March 2023	R2.67	4191	11 189.97
Total 2022/23 financial year			50 292	R142 326.36
Parys to Sasolburg	April 2023	R3.50	5969	R20 891.50
	May 2023	R3.01	5969	R17 966.69
	June 2023	R3.71	5969	R22 144.99
	July 2023	R3.31	5969	R19 757.39
	August 2023	R4.50	5969	R26 860.50
	September 2023	R3.26	5969	R19 458.94
	October 2023	R4.05	5969	R24 174.45
	November 2023	R2.50	5969	R14 922.50
	December 2023	R3.20	5969	R19 100.80
	January 2024	R3.00	5969	R17 907.00
Total 2023/24 financial year			59 690	R203 84.76
Parys to Vereeniging	April 2023	R2.61	4191	R10 938.51
	May 2023	R2.04	4191	R8 549.64
	June 2023	R2.78	4191	R11 650.98
	July 2023	R2.16	4191	R9 052.56
	August 2023	R2.71	4191	R11 357.61
	September 2023	R2.43	4191	R10 184.13
	October 2023	R2.47	4191	R10 351.77
	November 2023	R3.47	4191	R14 542.77
	December 2023	R4.20	4191	R17 602.20
	January 2024	R2.62	4191	R10 980.42
Total 2023/24 financial year			41 910	R 115 210.59

- (1)(b) The facility closed on 10 March 2022.
- (2)(a) Prior to the closure of Parys Correctional centre, it had an approved bed-space of 310, with an occupancy of 411. A total of 64 inmates were transferred to Sasolburg Correctional Centre resulting in an occupancy of 475 (53.23% overcrowding rate).
- (2)(b) The Department of Correctional Services does not have a facility named *Koppies* within the Free State and Northern Cape Region
- (2)(c) No other surrounding correctional facilities were affected as all inmates were transferred to Sasolburg.

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