Media Update   
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The Department of Correctional Services has noted a resurgence of positive cases in East London, wherein 98 sentenced inmates tested positive for COVID-19.  
  
Additionally, six (6) officials and three (3) inmates were confirmed to be positive in the Western Cape, whilst Kimberly registered one (1) case of an official. As a result, the total number of positive cases in now at 321.   
  
In order to avail immediate expertise in the management of infections, prevention and control measures, the Department has appointed a medical advisory panel and an additional 393 nursing personnel. This measure is also aimed at strengthening the capacity of the Department in dealing with COVID-19, particularly in the Eastern Cape and Western Cape.   
  
The number of recoveries has increased to 92.   
  
The total breakdown is as follows:-   
  
Eastern Cape - 223  
Officials - 50  
Inmates - 173  
59 recoveries   
2 death cases   
  
Western Cape – 81  
Officials - 73  
Inmates – 8  
Recoveries - 30  
One Death case   
  
Limpopo - 2  
Officials - 2  
Inmates - 0  
One recovery   
  
Gauteng - 13  
Officials - 4  
Inmates - 9  
One recovery   
  
Northen Cape   
Officials - 1  
  
Head Office  
Officials – 1  
One recovery   
  
Ends.  
  
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