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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