Media Update  
24 May 2020  
  
The total number of confirmed Covid-19 cases in the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) is standing at 719 with 246 officials and 473 inmates. Western Cape recorded nine additional cases of officials whilst Eastern Cape recorded one additional official.   
  
The death of a 50-year old inmate in East London on 20 May 2020, was confirmed to be COVID-19 related with respiratory failure cited as a cause of death.   
  
Recoveries remain standing at 143.  
  
The total breakdown of Covid-19 cases at DCS is as follows:-   
  
Eastern Cape - 489  
Officials - 76  
Inmates - 413  
Recoveries - 72  
Death cases - 3  
  
Western Cape – 206  
Officials – 155  
Inmates – 51  
Recoveries – 59  
Death cases – 2   
  
Limpopo - 2  
Officials - 2  
Inmates - 0  
Recovery - 1  
  
Gauteng - 16  
Officials - 7  
Inmates - 9  
Recovery - 10  
  
Northern Cape   
Officials - 2  
  
Free State   
Officials - 1  
  
KwaZulu-Natal   
Officials - 2  
  
Head Office  
Officials – 1  
Recovery - 1   
  
Ends.  
  
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