

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

FOR ORAL REPLYQUESTION 14DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 22 JUNE 2020
(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 16-2020)**14. Ms S Shaikh (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) (a) How many persons were arrested for contravening lockdown regulations since the Declaration of the National State of Disaster to deal with coronavirus pandemic and (b) how many of such persons (i) signed admission of guilt and (ii) are scheduled to appear before the court in each province in each case;
- (2) whether compliance levels have (a) improved and/or (b) worsened since the easing of the lockdown from levels 5 and 4 to level 3; if not, what is the position in this regard, if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

(1)(a)(b)(i)(ii) The number of persons, who were arrested for contravening lockdown regulations, since the declaration of the National State of Disaster, up until 19 June 2020, is reflected, per province, in the table below:

Province	(a) Total persons charged since the Declaration of the National State of Disaster	(b)(i) Total persons who paid admission of guilt fines	(b)(ii) Total persons scheduled to appear before court or to pay admission of guilt fine
Eastern Cape	27 081	1 379	21 262
Free State	38 907	810	33 636
Gauteng	53 487	3 148	34 014
KwaZulu-Natal	31 705	2 466	23 619
Limpopo	23 323	11 417	8 644
Mpumalanga	13 048	1 859	9 012
North West	18 889	1 433	13 169
Northern Cape	10 146	109	6 641
Western Cape	60 021	194	49 680
Total	276 607	22 815	199 677

- (2)(a) At the onset of lockdown level five, compliance levels improved as the Regulations were enforced, however, contravention of the Regulations was still high. Increased law enforcement visibility and actions to assert the authority of

the State, resulted in an improvement in compliance, which was at a very high level at the end of level five and throughout level four. The imposition of the curfew during level four, had a significantly positive effect on levels of compliance with the Regulations. The restriction of movement between districts and provinces, ensured the confinement of individuals to their places of residence and assisted in curbing crime. The ban on the sale of liquor, during levels five and four, had a positive effect on levels of compliance and on reduced levels of violent crime.

- (2)(b) Compliance with the Regulations deteriorated during level three and noncompliance with Regulations that are not criminalised, such as the wearing of masks and social distancing, increased. The reinstating of the sale of liquor, even though criminalised from Friday to Sunday, has been found to contribute to noncompliance, due to behavioural changes when people are intoxicated. There has been a marked increase in levels of crime during lockdown level three, in comparison with levels four and five, when the sale of liquor was prohibited.

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