

**PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 176**

**Adv B.J Mkhwebane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:**

- (1) In light of the ongoing solitary confinement of Mandla Madonsela, a former South African Sergeant who allegedly stabbed Janus Walus, (a) what is the reasoning behind the prolonged solitary confinement of Mandla Madonsela, (b) how does his department justify keeping Mandla Madonsela isolated for such an extended period;
- (2) Whether Mandla Madonsela has been given a timeline and/or plan for when his solitary confinement will end; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) Whether there are alternative measures and/or interventions his department considered for Mandla Madonsela instead of solitary confinement? **NW194E**

**REPLY:**

No offender in the care of Department of Correctional Services (DCS) is under solitary confinement as this was outlawed in 2008.

- (1)(a) Offender Madonsela was placed before the Disciplinary Committee where he was internally charged for stabbing a fellow offender on 29 November 2022. Offender Mandla Madonsela was subsequently reclassified and demoted to a C-Group privilege and transferred to the Closed-Maximum facility on 04 December 2022 to attend criminogenic rehabilitative programs that would address the dynamic risk factors and needs.

The Closed Maximum Correctional Centre known as C-Max accommodates adult male offenders for behavioural modification in single cells after been identified as high security risk (i.e posing a threat to themselves, other offenders, officials and members of the public).

- (1)(b) In line with standard operating procedures for closed supervision correctional facility, the duration of the incarceration of a degraded offender is a minimum of twelve (12) to eighteen (18) months. At the time of receipt of the question the offender was within the maximum duration period bearing in mind that upon admission the offender had been on a hunger strike and required time to recover in this regard.

- (2) Upon admission all offenders undergo risk and needs assessments. The Offender was briefed on 22 December 2022, by the Case Management Committee (CMC) about treatment plans to address his offending behaviour and the timelines thereof, this was after the offender abandoned his hunger strike.
- (3) The Offender is amongst twenty-one (21) other maximum classified offenders who have been re-assessed and declared as eligible for a transfer. At the time of submission of the response the offender was being transferred out of the closed maximum facility. The conduct of the offender will determine whether additional corrective interventions are required.

**END.**