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Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety **WESTERN CAPE**

RE: PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE: FIRST SESSION, SEVEN PARLIAMENT: QUESTION PAPER NO 3 – 2024: FRIDAY, 23 AUGUST 2024: QUESTION 14

Your correspondence dated 23 August 2024 with reference 36/1/4/1 (202400116) refers.

Requested feedback is attached herewith.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL
PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER: WESTERN CAPE
TE PATEKILE (ADV)

Date:

2024.09.26

Parliament of the Province of the Western Cape

FIRST SESSION, SEVEN PARLIAMENT

Question Paper No 3 - 2024

Friday, 23 August 2024

WRITTEN REPLY

14. Ms A Cassiem to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

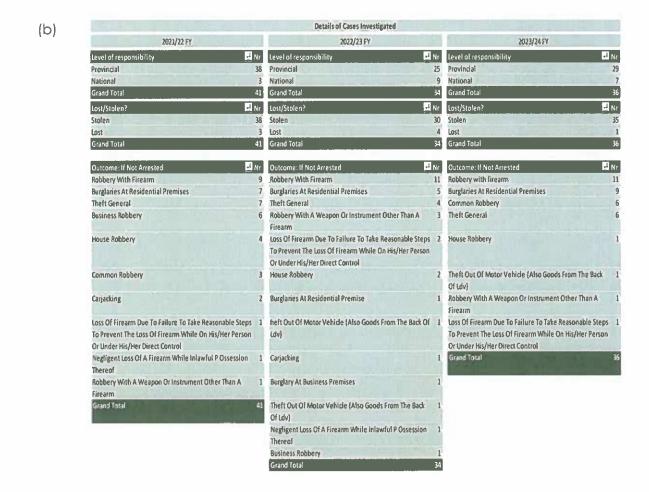
- (1) (a) In the last 36 months, in how many instances were items of (i) firearm-related and (ii) narcotic-related evidence, which had been removed from SAP-13 storerooms in Western Cape SAPS precincts, (aa) lost, (bb) stolen or (cc) otherwise removed without proper authorisation and (b) what are the relevant details of each incident;
- (2) (a) in the last 36 months, in how many instances were officially issued SAPSowned firearms (i) lost and (ii) stolen and (b) what are the relevant details of each incident;
- (3) whether any arrests have been made as a result of these incidents; if not, why not: if so, what are the relevant details?

THE MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

- 14. (1)(a)(i)(aa) None
 - (bb) Seven reported instances
 - (cc) None
 - (ii) (aa) None
 - (bb) None
 - (cc) None

- (b)(i)(aa) Not Applicable
 - (bb) In all seven instances the firearms were booked out of the SAPS 13 exhibit store, with the purpose to be conveyed to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) for analysis.
 - (cc) Not Applicable
 - (ii) (aa) Not Applicable
 - (bb) Not Applicable
 - (cc) Not Applicable
 - (2)(a)(i) 8 These includes firearms under Provincial and National responsibilities however, occurred in the Western Cape.
 - (ii) 103 These includes firearms under Provincial and National responsibilities however, occurred in the Western Cape.



(3) Cases pertaining to the removal and theft of firearms from the exhibit stores are investigated by the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI) and two arrests were made.

The following refers to the lost / stolen firearms:

		Outcome of Cases Investi	gated		
2021/22 FY		2022/23 FY		2023/24 FY	
Arrested?	⊠ Nr	Arrested?	Nr Nr	Arrested?	Nr Nr
No	26	No	24	no	27
yes	15	yes	10	yes	9
Grand Total	41	Grand Total	34	Grand Total	36
Outcome: If Arrested	∏ Nr	Outcome: If Arrested	₩ Nr	Outcome: If Arrested	∐ Nr
Withdrawn	5	Pending	8	pending	8
Guilty	5	Guilty	2	withdrawn	1
Pending	4	Grand Total	10	Grand Total	9
Not Guilty/Acquitted	1				
Grand Total	15				
Outcome: If Not Arrested	I ĭ Nr	Outcome: If Not Arrested	™ Nr	Outcome: If Not Arrested	■ Nr
Undetected - Property Circ	18	Undetected - Property Circ	19	pending	17
Pending	4	Pending	3	Undetected - Property Circ	9
Undetected - Fp Available	2	Withdrawn	1	Withdrawn	1
Withdrawn	1	Undetected - Fp Available	1	Grand Total	27
Undetected	1	Grand Total	24		
Grand Total	26				



Date: 202409 06