

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY**QUESTION 4008**

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4008. Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) What total number of (a) firearms and (b) ammunition of each (i) type and (ii) calibre, (aa) were stolen and (bb) were lost and/or went missing at each police station in each province (aaa) in the past four financial years and (bbb) from 1 April 2023 up to the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) what steps has his department taken to combat the theft and loss of the firearms and ammunition;
- (3) whether any persons were (a) arrested and/or found guilty in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what total number of (i) persons were arrested and/or found guilty and (ii) the specified persons were members of the SA Police Service?

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REPLY:

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The tables below reflect the number of firearms and ammunition (type and calibre) that were stolen from SAPS 13 stores for the past four financial years, including the period 1 April 2023 to 30 September 2023.

A total number of 357 firearms and 148 rounds of ammunition was stolen from the SAPS13 stores during the abovementioned periods. No firearms or ammunition was reported lost or stolen from South African Police Service (SAPS) 13 stores, in 2019/2020.

Financial year 2020/2021							
Province	Police Stations	(1)(a) Number of firearms	(1)(b) Number of ammunition	(1)(b)(i) Type	(1)(b)(ii) calibre	(1)(aa) Number of firearms stolen	(1)(bb) Number of firearms lost/missing
Gauteng	Norwood Enquiry 07/08/2021	174	0	111 X Pistol	9mm	174	N/A
			0	5 X Pistol	9mm S		

Financial year 2020/2021							
Province	Police Stations	(1)(a) Number of firearms	(1)(b) Number of ammunition	(1)(b)(i) Type	(1)(b)(ii) calibre	(1)(aa) Number of firearms stolen	(1)(bb) Number of firearms lost/missing
	CAS 97/02/2022		0	2 X Pistol	7.65		
			0	3 X Pistol	6.35		
			0	1 X Pistol	40S&W		
			0	13 X Revolver	38 Special		
			0	4 X Revolver	22		
			0	2 X Revolver	32 S&W		
			0	1 X Revolver	357		
			0	22 X Rifle	5.56X45		
			0	1 X Rifle	308		
			0	3 X Rifle	7.62X25		
			0	1 X Rifle	11X59		
			0	4 X Shotgun	12G		
			0	1 X Shotgun	16G		
Mpumalanga	Badplaas CAS 26/11/2020	4	0	3 X Pistol	9mm	4	N/A
			0	1 X Revolver	.38 special		
Northern Cape	Kleinsee CAS 21/08/2020	1	0	1 X Pistol	9mm	1	N/A
TOTAL		179	0			179	0

Financial year 2021/2022							
Province	Police Stations	(1a) Number of firearms	(1)(b) Number of ammunition	(1)(b)(i) Type	(1)(b)(ii) calibre	(1)(aa) Number of firearms stolen	(1)(bb) Number of firearms lost/missing
Eastern Cape	Cathcart CAS 43/02/2022	8	0	7 X Pistol	9mm	8	N/A
				1 X Rifle	7.56X45		
Free State	Thaba -Nchu CAS 90/10/2021	1	0	1 X Pistol	9mmp	1	N/A
Gauteng	Carletonville CAS 108/05/2021	1	0	1 X Pistol	9mm	37	N/A
	Kempton Park CAS 98/02/2022	29	0	10 X Pistol	9mm		
			0	3 X Pistol	6.35		
			0	2 X Pistol	9mm S		
			0	2 X Pistol	7.65		
			0	1 X Pistol	.22		
			0	2 X Revolver	.38 Special		
			0	2 X Revolver	357		

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Financial year 2021/2022							
Province	Police Stations	(1a) Number of firearms	(1)(b) Number of ammunition	(1)(b)(i) Type	(1)(b)(ii) calibre	(1)(aa) Number of firearms stolen	(1)(bb) Number of firearms lost/missing
			0	1 X Rifle	7.62		
			0	1 X Rifle	30-06		
			0	2 X Rifle	.22		
			0	1 X Rifle	303		
			0	2 X Shotgun	12 G		
	Naledi CAS 171/08/2021	4	0	4 X Pistol	9mm		
		1	0	1 X Pistol	7.65		
	Norkempark CAS 129/02/2022	1	0	1 X Pistol	9mm		
	Vosloorus CAS 366/04/2021	1	0	1 X Pistol	9mm		
	Mpumalanga	Leslie CAS 57/01/2022	84	0	45 X Pistol		
0	6 X Pistol			9mms			
0	4 X Pistol			6,35			
0	1 X Pistol			7,26			
0	5 X Pistol			7,65			
0	1 X Pistol			45 ACP			
0	1 X Pistol			.22			
0	2 X Revolver			32 S&W			
0	8 X Revolver			38 spec			
0	1 X Revolver			.22			
0	1 X Revolver			357			
0	1 X Rifle			7,62			
0	1 X Rifle			7,62X51			
0	1 X Rifle			.22			
0	1 X Rifle			303			
0	5 X Shotgun			12G			
TOTAL		130	0			130	0

Financial year 2022/2023							
Province	Police Stations	(1)(a) Number of firearms	(1)(b) Number of ammunition	(1)(b)(i) Type	(1)(b)(ii) calibre	(1)(aa) Number of firearms stolen	(1)(bb) Number of firearms lost/missing
Gauteng	Cleveland CAS 196/12/2022	1	15	1 X Pistol	9mm	4	N/A
	Cleveland CAS 236/01/2023	1	10	1 X Pistol	9mm		
	Cleveland CAS 316/02/2023	1	8	1 X Pistol	9mm		
	Diepkloof CAS 11/04/2022	1	0	1 X Pistol	9mm		

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Financial year 2022/2023							
Province	Police Stations	(1)(a) Number of firearms	(1)(b) Number of ammunition	(1)(b)(i) Type	(1)(b)(ii) calibre	(1)(aa) Number of firearms stolen	(1)(bb) Number of firearms lost/missing
KwaZulu-Natal	Prestbury CAS 14/03/2023	1	0	1 X Revolver	.38 Special	1	N/A
Limpopo	Polokwane CAS 246/07/2022	14	0	5 X Pistol	9mm	15	N/A
				3 X Pistol	7.65		
				1 X Pistol	45 ACP		
				1 X Pistol	6.35		
				1 X Pistol	7.62		
				1 X Pistol	40 S&W		
				1 X Revolver	22 Win		
				1 X Revolver	32 S&W		
	Westenberg CAS 173/07/2022	1	0	1 X Pistol	9mm		
Western Cape	Villiersdorp CAS 35/07/2022	1	0	1 X Pistol	9mm	1	N/A
TOTAL		21	33			21	0

Financial year 2023/2024 (1 April 2023 to 30 September 2023)							
Province	Police Stations	(1)(a) Number of firearms	(1)(b) Number of ammunition	(1)(b)(i) Type	(1)(b)(ii) calibre	(1)(aa) Number of firearms stolen	(1)(bb) Number of firearms lost/missing
Eastern Cape	Flagstaff CAS 60/07/2023 and 130/07/2023	2	0	2 X Pistol	9mm	2	N/A
Gauteng	Boschkop CAS 107/05/2023	1	0	1 X Pistol	9mm	3	N/A
	Hercules CAS 309/08/2023	1	0	1 X Pistol	7.65		
	Wierdabrug CAS 129/09/2023	1	0	1 X Pistol	7.65		
KwaZulu-Natal	Boston CAS 03/08/2023	20	115	15 X Pistol	9mm	20	N/A
				2 X Pistol	7.65		
				1 X Pistol	0.22		
				1 X Shotgun	12G		
				1 X Rifle	303		
Limpopo	Driekop CAS 24/07/2023	1	0	1 X Pistol	9mm	1	N/A
Western Cape	Heidelberg CAS 28/06/2023	1	0	1 X Revolver	357 Mag	1	N/A
TOTAL		27	115			27	0

(2) The SAPS has taken the following steps to combat the theft and loss of firearms and ammunition from SAPS 13 stores:

- Developed and implemented minimum physical security standards for all firearm safes and strong rooms.
- Developed building standards for all SAPS 13 storage facilities.
- All losses and alleged thefts are reported, monitored and criminal and departmental cases are followed up until finalised.
- Use of technology regarding electronic systems for recording, logging and access, are being pursued.
- CCTV cameras and biometric access are part of the minimum standards to enhance security, control and support the investigation of cases.
- A national project to confirm the number of firearms in SAPS 13 stores was initiated in 2022 and commenced in Gauteng, followed by the Ethekekwini District in KwaZulu-Natal and Cape Town District, in the Western Cape. This process resulted in updated information on the national (manual) database of information in respect of firearms in SAPS 13 stores, mainly related to theft cases that had not been reported for inclusion in the database.
- At the same time the SAPS national office piloted a project to establish centralised storage facilities for firearms, in order to reduce the number of firearms stored at police stations. The project commenced in Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and Western Cape and required the provinces to identify suitable and well-secured facilities to centralise the storage of SAPS 13 firearms and to move firearms from police stations into these facilities.

(3)(a) Yes, A total number of six persons were arrested between the financial years 2020/2021 and 2023/2024 and one person was found guilty. The details are reflected below:

(3)(a)(i)	2020/2021
	Persons arrested - 3
	Found guilty - 1
	2021/2022
	Persons arrested - 0

Found guilty - 0

2022/2023

Persons arrested - 3

Found guilty - 0

2023/2024

Persons arrested - 0

Found guilty - 0

(3)(a)(ii) None of the six persons arrested are members of the SAPS.

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Found guilty - 0

2022/2023

Persons arrested 3

Found guilty - 0

2023/2024

Persons arrested 0

Found guilty - 0

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