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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.

A large, stylized black signature of Te Patekile (ADV).

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

Date: 2024.08.26.

**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 SAPS-owned 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.

(b)

Details of Cases Investigated					
2021/22 FY		2022/23 FY		2023/24 FY	
Level of responsibility	Nr	Level of responsibility	Nr	Level of responsibility	Nr
Provincial	38	Provincial	25	Provincial	29
National	3	National	9	National	7
Grand Total	41	Grand Total	34	Grand Total	36
Lost/Stolen?	Nr	Lost/Stolen?	Nr	Lost/Stolen?	Nr
Stolen	38	Stolen	30	Stolen	35
Lost	3	Lost	4	Lost	1
Grand Total	41	Grand Total	34	Grand Total	36
Outcome: If Not Arrested	Nr	Outcome: If Not Arrested	Nr	Outcome: If Not Arrested	Nr
Robbery With Firearm	9	Robbery With Firearm	11	Robbery with firearm	11
Burglaries At Residential Premises	7	Burglaries At Residential Premises	5	Burglaries At Residential Premises	9
Theft General	7	Theft General	4	Common Robbery	6
Business Robbery	6	Robbery With A Weapon Or Instrument Other Than A Firearm	3	Theft General	6
House Robbery	4	Loss Of Firearm Due To Failure To Take Reasonable Steps To Prevent The Loss Of Firearm While On His/Her Person Or Under His/Her Direct Control	2	House Robbery	1
Common Robbery	3	House Robbery	2	Theft Out Of Motor Vehicle (Also Goods From The Back Of Ldv)	1
Carjacking	2	Burglaries At Residential Premise	1	Robbery With A Weapon Or Instrument Other Than A Firearm	1
Loss Of Firearm Due To Failure To Take Reasonable Steps To Prevent The Loss Of Firearm While On His/Her Person Or Under His/Her Direct Control	1	heft Out Of Motor Vehicle (Also Goods From The Back Of Ldv)	1	Loss Of Firearm Due To Failure To Take Reasonable Steps To Prevent The Loss Of Firearm While On His/Her Person Or Under His/Her Direct Control	1
Negligent Loss Of A Firearm While Inlawful P Ossession Thereof	1	Carjacking	1	Grand Total	36
Robbery With A Weapon Or Instrument Other Than A Firearm	1	Burglary At Business Premises	1		
Grand Total	41	Theft Out Of Motor Vehicle (Also Goods From The Back Of Ldv)	1		
		Negligent Loss Of A Firearm While Inlawful P Ossession Thereof	1		
		Business Robbery	1		
		Grand Total	34		

- (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 Investigated								
2021/22 FY			2022/23 FY			2023/24 FY		
Arrested?	Nr		Arrested?	Nr		Arrested?	Nr	
No	26		No	24		no	27	
yes	15		yes	10		yes	9	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>41</b>		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>34</b>		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>36</b>	
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		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9</b>	
Not Guilty/Acquitted	1							
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>15</b>							
Outcome: If Not Arrested	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		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>27</b>	
Undetected	1		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>24</b>				
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>26</b>							



**LIEUTENANT GENERAL  
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Date: 2024-09-26

