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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1362**

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**1362. Mr H C C Krüger (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Whether, with reference to his reply to question 1067 on 25 April 2016, the outstanding information has been sourced; if not, why not; if so, by what date will it be communicated?

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**REPLY:** Yes information is sourced, below is the information

(1)(a)(i)(aa) 2009-10 16

(1)(a)(i)(bb) 2010-11 16

(1)(a)(i)(cc) 2011-12 56 (CATS capacity decentralized to all provinces)

(1)(a)(i)(dd) 2012-13 64

(1)(a)(i)(ee) 2013-14 64

(1)(a)(i)(ff) 2014-15 64

(1)(a)(i)(gg) 2015-16 67

(1)(a)(ii) April 2016 68

(1)(b) how many investigations did it initiate in each of the specified financial years;

2009-10 43

2010-11 118

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2012-13 128

2013-14 175

2014-15 172

2015-16 227

(ii) April 2016 27

(2) Herewith the citation from the Act:

**17D. Functions of Directorate.**

(1) The functions of the Directorate are to prevent, combat and investigate—

(a) National priority offences, which in the opinion of the Head of the Directorate need to be addressed by the Directorate, subject to any policy guidelines issued by the Ministerial Committee; and

(b) any other offence or category of offences referred to it from time to time by the National Commissioner, subject to any policy guidelines issued by the Ministerial Committee

(2) If, during the course of an investigation by the Directorate, evidence of any other crime is detected and the National Head (DPCI) considers it in the interests of justice, or in the public interest, he or she may extend the investigation so as to include any offence which he or she suspects to be connected with the subject of the investigation.

(3) The National Head of the Directorate may, if he or she has reason to suspect that a national priority offence has been or is being committed, request the National Director of Public Prosecutions to designate a Director of Public Prosecutions to exercise the powers of section 28 of the National Prosecuting Authority Act, 1998 (Act No. 32 of 1998).

**National Priority Offence includes but not limited to:**

* **"Schedule (Section 16(2)(iA))**
* High treason;
* any offence referred to in paragraph (a) of the definition of 'specified offence' of the Protection of Constitutional Democracy against Terrorist and Related Activities Act, 2004 (Act No. 33 of 2004);
* sedition;
* any offence referred to in Schedule 1 to the Implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court Act, 2002 (Act No. 27 of 2002);
* any offence referred to in Chapters 2, 3 and 4 of the Prevention of Organised Crime Act, 1998 (Act No. 121 of 1998);
* any offence referred to in section 13(f) of the Drugs and Drug Trafficking Act, 1992 (Act No. 140 of 1992);
* any offence referred to in the Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction Act, 1993 (Act No. 87 of 1993);
* any offence relating to the dealing in or smuggling of ammunition, firearms, explosives or armament and the unlawful possession of such firearms, explosives or armament;
* any offence contemplated in Chapter 2 and section 34 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004 (Act No. 12 of 2004);
* any offence referred to in the Regulation of Foreign Military Assistance Act, 1998 (Act No. 15 of 1998), or the Prohibition of Mercenary Activities and the Regulation of Certain Activities in Country of Armed Conflict Act, 2006 (Act No. 27 of 2006);
* any offence referred to in the National Conventional Arms Control Act, 2002 (Act No. 41 of 2002);
* any offence the punishment wherefore may be imprisonment for life."

**Comments**

Members of Crimes Against the State Unit are multi-skilled and the National Head (DPCI) can assign any type of investigation to the members irrespective of its extent, nature, triviality and complexity.