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Dear Ms Joemat-Pettersson

RESPONSES TO MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FIREARM AMNESTY BRIEFING TO THE JOINT MEETING OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SECURITY AND JUSTICE: 3 JUNE 2020

The briefing by the South African Police Service (SAPS) to the joint meeting of the Portfolio Committee on Police (PCoP) and the Select Committee on Security and Justice, on the Firearm Amnesty, which took place on 3 June 2020, refers.

Members of the PCoP requested written responses on certain matters, which were not responded to in the meeting. The responses, with regard to firearms, which were handed in/recovered, during the Firearm Amnesty, from 1 December 2019 to 31 May 2020, are as follows:

1. The total number of firearms and details of the categories.

Amnesty firearms:	34 756
Voluntary surrendered:	3 761
Total firearms:	38 517

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2.	The total number of firearms and details, including SAPS firearms, which were stolen out of police stations.
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No amnesty-related firearm, including SAPS firearms, were reported stolen out of police stations during the 2019/2020 firearm amnesty, from 1 December 2019 to 31 May 2020.

3.	The total number of firearms and details, which can be traced back to the security sector, e.g. SAPS, South African National Defence Force (SANDF), security companies, etc.
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No firearm could be traced back to the security sector, by close of the amnesty period, on 31 May 2020.

4.	The total number of firearms and details, which were brought into South Africa illegally, from neighbouring countries.
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No firearm could be traced back to countries outside South Africa, by close of the amnesty period, on 31 May 2020. The Integrated Ballistic Information System (IBIS) testing, is still ongoing.

5.	The total number of firearms and details, which were once legally owned and became illegally owned, by means of theft or loss.
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There were no reports of stolen or lost firearms, during the 2019/2020 Firearm Amnesty, by close of amnesty process, on 31 May 2020. The IBIS testing, is still ongoing.

6.	The total number of firearms and details, which were linked to crime, after being tested on the IBIS.
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A total of 29 links were identified on the IBIS, of which 28 of these, were linked by means of serial numbers, while one was linked to a crime and is already confirmed positive on microscope. The IBIS testing, is still ongoing.

7.	The total number of firearms and details, which were recovered by the SAPS, by means of SAPS operations.
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A total of 7 365 firearms were confiscated during the amnesty period.

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8.	Reference was made of a machine, which is standing at the Pinetown Police Station, which has not been working for a long time and cannot be repaired.
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On 18 June 2020, a team from the SAPS Head Office was sent to the Pinetown Police Station, in KwaZulu-Natal, to investigate the matter. Two scanners, which are located in the Client Service Centre (CSC), were found to be faulty. The Station Commander indicated that the devices had been reported to the State Information Technology Agency (SITA), for intervention. The matter will be taken up with SITA, to ensure that it is resolved.

Yours sincerely



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