



Progress Report on the Central Firearm Register (CFR)

Portfolio Committee on Police

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the presentation is to brief the Portfolio Committee on Police (PCoP), on the status of firearm applications, the firearm amnesties and the progress on the implementation of the Central Firearms Register (CFR) Action Plan.

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

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Section 4: Status of systems and alternative accommodation for CFR



SECTION 1

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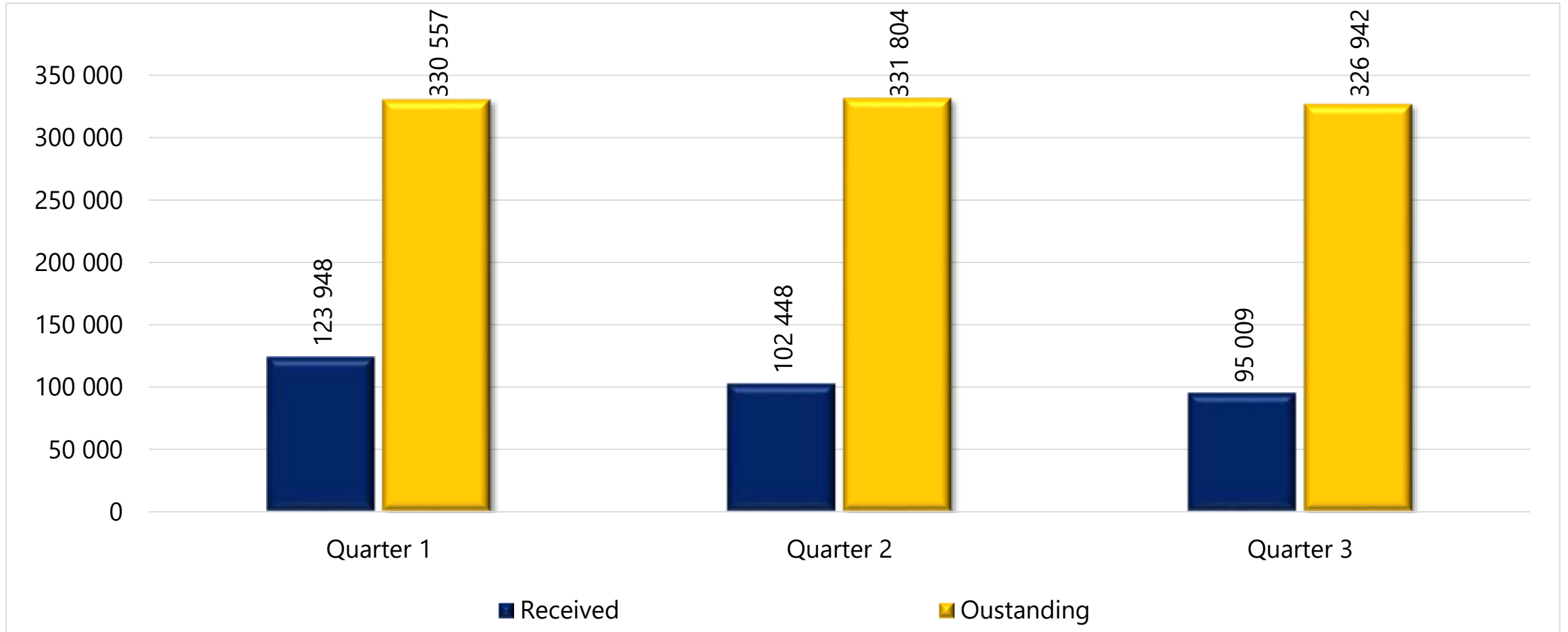
- ❑ The CFR Action Plan, to address challenges affecting the finalisation of firearm licence-related applications, is continuously monitored and efforts have been made, to mitigate some of the challenges.
- ❑ The R30 million, as allocated in addition to the baseline for the finalisation of firearm licence activities, was spent on overtime (CFR, provinces and Forensic Services), the printing of licence cards and firearm destruction.
 - On the finalisation of applications, the CFR performance improved, from the 1st quarter to the 3rd quarter, by **13,92%**.
 - The Forensic Services IBIS reports increased in the 3rd quarter, by **145,34%**.
 - Provinces increased the finalisation of renewal firearm applications, from **25 443** to **32 125** and **52 198**, respectively.
- ❑ The R62 million allocated, for both the development of the e-Submission System and acquisition of a digital system, was not utilised, due to dependencies.
- ❑ The presentation will cover the progress, from 1 April 2021 to 31 December 2021, as well as the status of the systems and alternative accommodation for the CFR.



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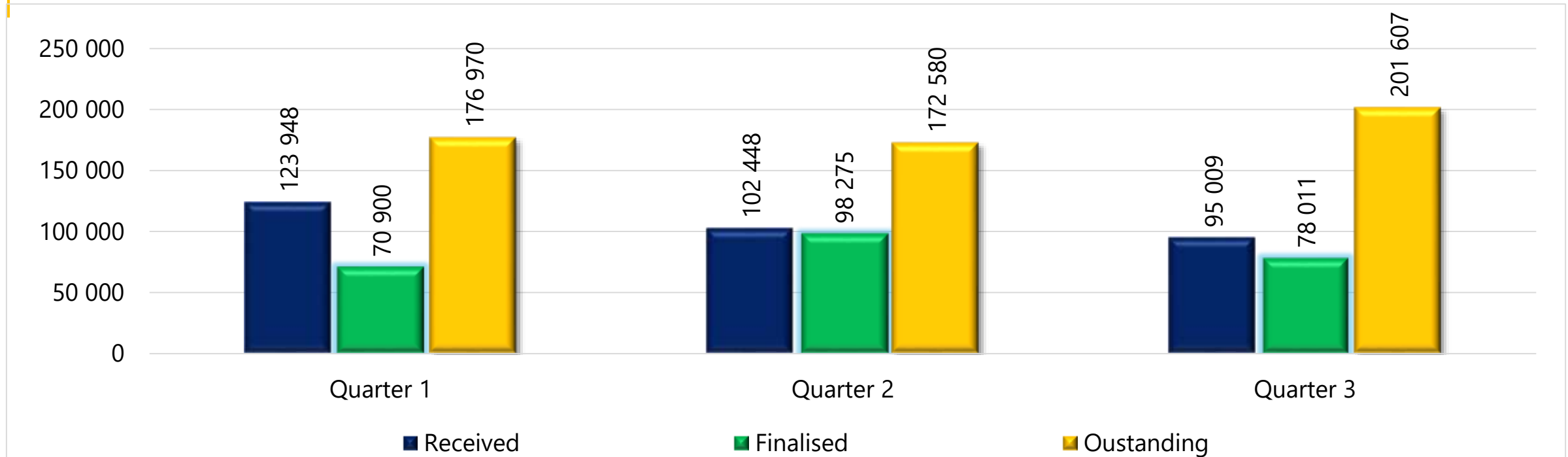
STATUS OF FIREARM APPLICATIONS

STATUS OF ALL FIREARM LICENCE APPLICATIONS



- ❑ The graph above depicts the overall picture of all firearm applications received and those outstanding at the CFR and provinces, for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 December 2021.
- ❑ A total of **321 405** applications were received, for the first three quarters of 2021/2022.
- ❑ A total of **326 942** applications are still outstanding and this includes **79 868** amnesty applications.

STATUS OF FIREARM APPLICATIONS AT CENTRAL FIREARMS REGISTER (CFR)



- ❑ A total of **247 186** applications were finalised, for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 December 2021. During the 1st quarter a total of **70 900** applications were finalised.
- ❑ Overtime payment was introduced for members at the CFR and provinces, from 1 August 2021 to 31 December 2021. The number of applications finalised increased, from **70 900** to **98 275** and **78 011** respectively.
- ❑ The 3rd quarter Performance decreased by **20,61%** due to the Omicron Virus and members on leave. The members preparing for the migration to Telkom Towers, which was postponed due to the building not being ready, also impacted negatively on the performance of the 3rd quarter. Overtime payment is continuing for the 4th quarter and the individual targets, per member, were increased.

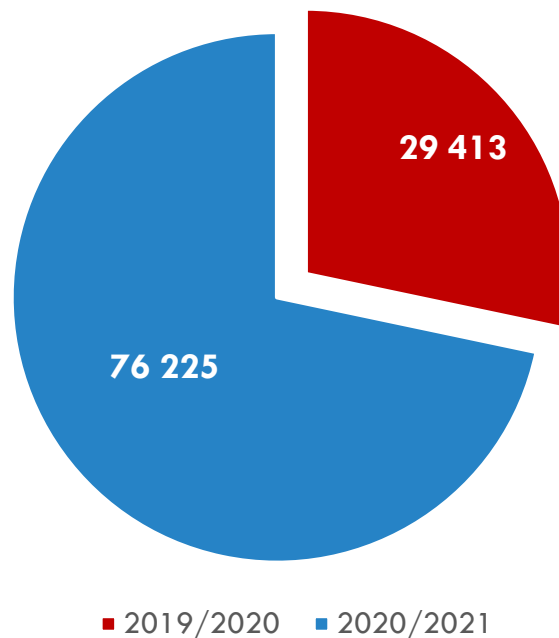
AGE ANALYSIS OF APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS AT THE CFR

Categories	0 -120 days	121-240 days	241+ days	Number of applications in process
Competency certificates	49 472	65 792	8 992	124 256
Firearm licences	19 932	23 381	29 877	73 190
Renewals business	2 121	895	1 145	4 161
TOTAL	71 525	90 068	40 014	201 607

- ❑ A total of **130 082** applications are outstanding for more than 120 days and include **79 868** amnesty-related applications, which are dependent on IBIS reports. Since the allocation of overtime payment, an increase of **145,34%** from quarter 2 to quarter 3, for IBIS reports, were reported.
- ❑ The continuous overtime at the CFR is focusing on long outstanding applications.

LICENCE APPLICATIONS FOR SURRENDERED FIREARMS

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- ❑ A total of **105 638** firearm licence applications were received for both Amnesty periods (this includes **916** applications which have not yet been captured).
- ❑ The **916** firearms licence applications, not yet captured are due to preferences mostly dependent on gunsmith reports.
- ❑ A total of **22 167** firearm applications were finalised. **14 057** firearms applications for 2019/2020 and a total of **8 110** for the 2020/2021 Amnesty.

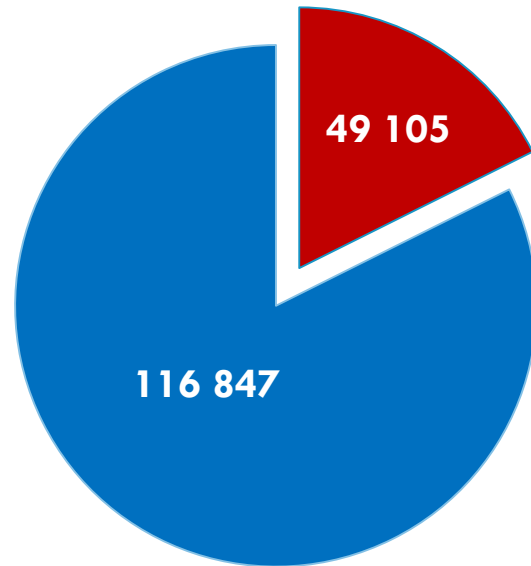


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STATUS OF FIREARM AMNESTIES

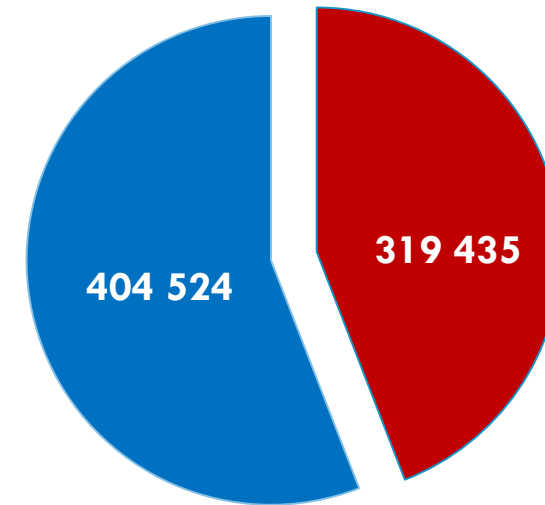
FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION SURRENDERED FOR AMNESTIES

SURRENDERED FIREARMS = 165 952



■ 2019/2020 ■ 2020/2021

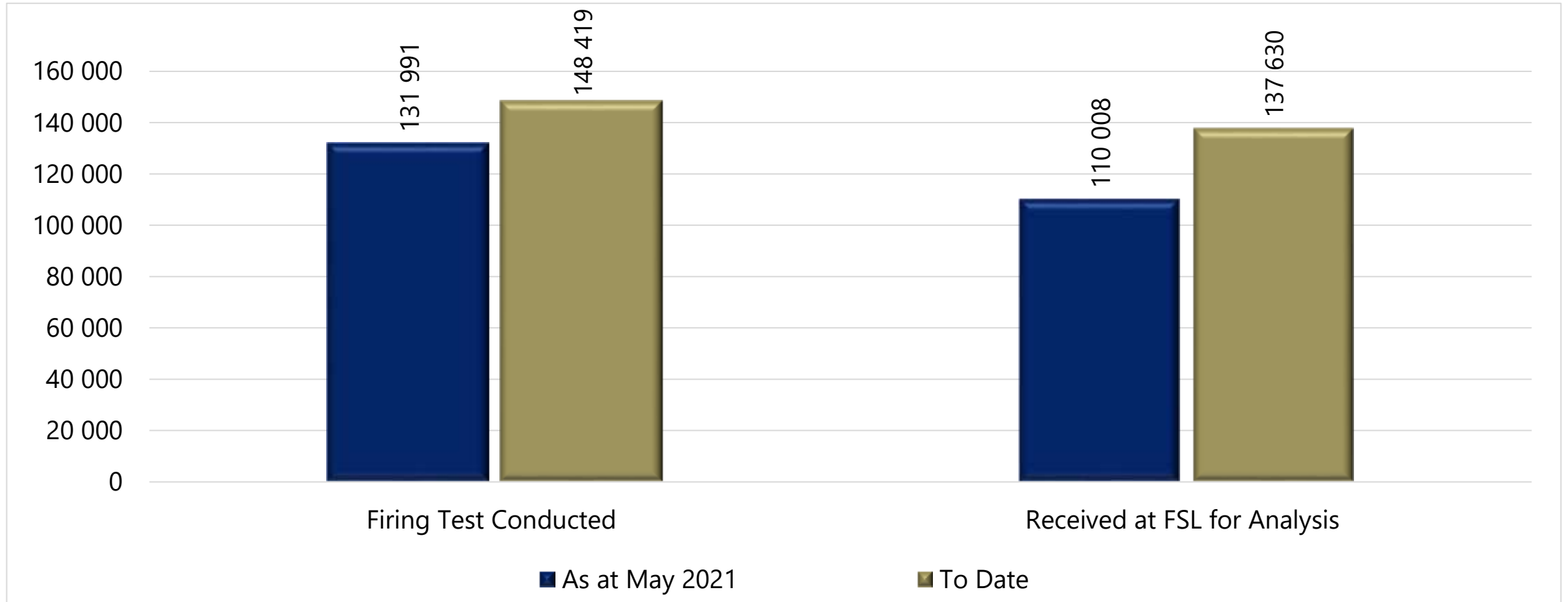
SURRENDERED AMMUNITION = 723 959



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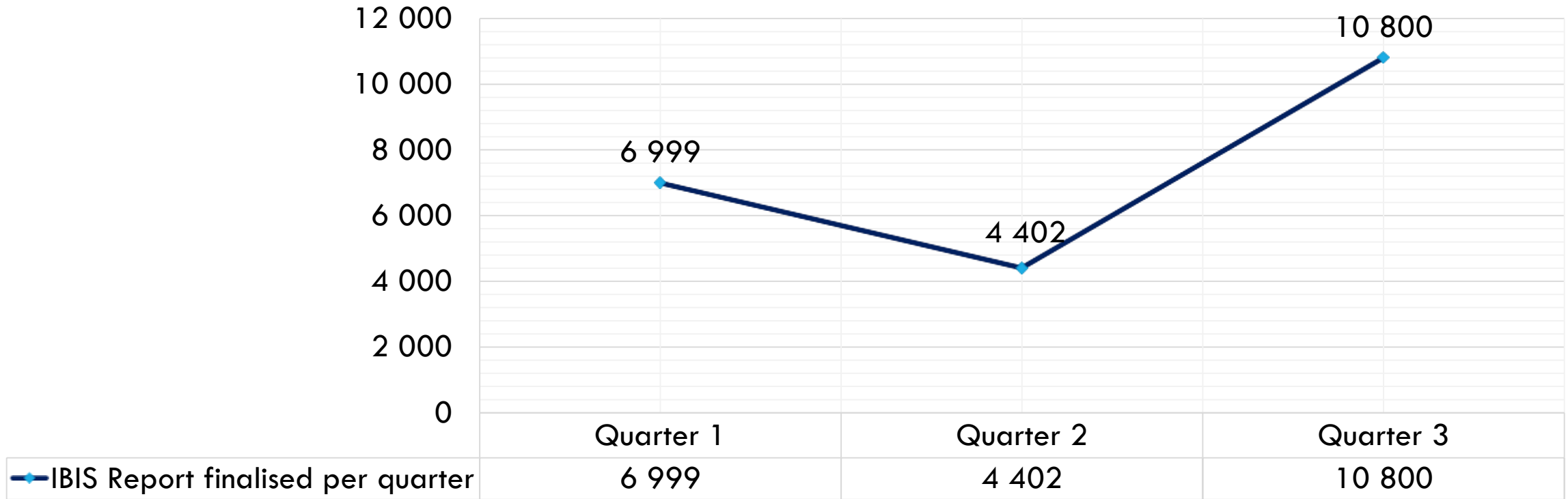
- ❑ A total of **165 952** firearms were surrendered for the two firearm amnesty periods, **49 105** for 2019/2020 and **116 847** for 2020/2021 Amnesty periods respectively.
- ❑ A total of **723 959 rounds of** ammunition was surrendered for the two firearm amnesty periods, **319 435** for 2019/2020 and **404 524** for 2020/2021 Amnesty periods respectively.

FIRING TEST AND SPECIMENS RECEIVED AT FSL FOR AMNESTIES



❑ From the **165 952** firearms surrendered, a total of **148 419** were legible for firing test and **28 329** not test fired, due to mechanical defects or are classified as firearm components.

IBIS REPORTS FINALISED PER QUARTER



Since overtime allocation from the Division: Visible Policing and Operations to the Division: Detective and Forensic Services, during the 3rd quarter of 2021/2022, the number of IBIS reports finalised, showed an significant increase of **145,34%**.



SECTION 4

STATUS OF SYSTEMS AND ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION FOR CFR

NEW FIREARM SYSTEM (eSOLUTION) AND DIGITAL FILING SYSTEM

Firearm Control System (FCS)

- New Firearm System: The State Information Technology Agency (SITA) reported that the Executive Bid Adjudication Committee (EBAC) is analysing and aligning with the legal opinion, provided by their Legal Section. SITA further indicated that a reviewed procurement plan is being finalised and will be forwarded to the SAPS.
- Since 2021-10-01, SITA's response indicated that the FCS Bid was still under review.
- As at 2022-02-03, SITA reported that the FCS Request for Bid (RFB) 2421/2020 is to be considered by the SITA Board, as soon as the SITA Board meeting has been scheduled.

Digital Filing System

- SITA published a Request for Quotation (RFQ), for the establishment of an Enterprise Content Management (ECM) Strategy, of which the draft of the specification will be the outcome of the Strategy. The closing date of the RFQ, was 2022-01-31.

MIGRATION TO TELKOM TOWERS

- ❑ The CFR was supposed to relocate, from the Veritas building to Telkom Towers: Annex building, on 30 October 2021. However, due to identified challenges, in terms of the condition of the infrastructure, storage facilities and additional repairs and renovations, the migration process was put on hold. Only one Section relocated to Telkom Towers, Northern Tower Building.
- ❑ The migration process will commence once the National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure has addressed the identified challenges.



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