**NATIONAL ASSEMBY
FOR ORAL REPLY
QUESTION 7
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1. Dr P J Groenwald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Police:**(1) Whether he still intend to determine an amnesty period where firearms can be handed in without the owners being prosecuted; if not, why not, if so, on what date does he envisage for this;
(2) whether owners of firearms will again have the opportunity to apply for a licence for firearms of which the licence had expired; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **REPLY**
(1) In terms of section 139 of the Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act No. 60 of 2000), an amnesty may be declared by the Minister of police if the amnesty may result in the reduction of thr number of illegally possessed firearms and it is in the public interest to do so. A firearm amnesty is therefore the prerogative of the Minister of Police.

(2) Section 24, read with section 28, of the Firearms Control Act, does not provide for an expired licence to be renewed.

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