

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE & MILITARY VETERANS**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**01. Dr P.J. Groenewald (FF Plus)to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

1. What number of (a) firearms and (b) ammunition of each (i) type and (ii) calibre were (aa) stolen and (bb) lost or went missing in the South African National Defence Force (aaa) during the periods (aaaa) 1 April 2017 and 31 December 2019.
2. What number of the specified (a) firearms and (b) ammunition (i) were recovered and/or (i) found to be linked to crimes.
3. Whether any persons and/or officials have been prosecuted successfully for negligence and/or theft of firearms and ammunition in military possession; if not, why not, in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case.
4. What measures has the department introduced to combat the theft and loss of firearms and ammunition in military possession.

***REPLY***

1. **(1&2) (a)(i) (ii)(aa) (bb)(aaa)(aaaa) -** 1 April 2017 until 31 December 2019

1. Firearms

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **S/No** |  | | **Number Stolen** | **Number Lost** | **Action taken** |
| **Type** | **Calibre** |
|  | a | b | c | d | e |
| 01 | R4 | 5.56mm | 47 | None | Case still under investigation |
| 02 | R 5 | 5.56mm | 10 | None | Case still under investigation |
| 03 | Star | 9mm | 04 | None | Case still under investigation |
| 04 | Z88 | 9mm | 10 | None | Case still under investigation |
| 05 | Sig Sauer | 9mm | 02 | None | Case still under investigation |
| 06 | Baretta | 9mm | 05 | None | Case still under investigation |
| 07 | Vector | 9mm | 01 | None | Case still under investigation |
| 08 | Glock | 9mm | 01 | None | Case still under investigation |

1. Ammunition

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **S/No** | **Ammunition** | **Type** | **Calibre** | **Stolen** | **Lost** | **Action taken** |
|  | a | b | c | e | f | g |
| 01 | Small calibre ammunition | R4/R5 | 5.56mm | 7618 | None | Case still under investigation |
| 02 | Small calibre ammunition | 9mm | 9mm | 07 | None | Case still under investigation |
| 03 | Small calibre ammunition | LMG | 7.62mm | 04 | None | Case still under investigation |
| 04 | Small calibre ammunition | 5.45mm | 5.45mm | 340 | None | Case still under investigation |
| 05 | Small calibre ammunition | 9.19mm | 9.19mm | 01 | None | Case still under investigation |
| 06 | Small calibre ammunition | 12.7mm | 12.7mm | 01 | None | Case still under investigation |
| 07 | Yellow smoke grenade | Yellow smoke grenade | Yellow smoke grenade | 01 | None | Case still under investigation |
| 08 | Stun grenade | Stun grenade | Stun grenade | 01 | None | Case still under investigation |

2. What number of the specified firearms and ammunition were recovered and/or found to be linked to crimes.

1. None