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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 102**

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**102. Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to question 1408 on 18 June 2018 wherein he requested three weeks' extension to ensure that the information that is provided is factually correct, he is now in a position to indicate what (a) number of firearms and (b) amount of state-owned ammunition in each province and office of the SA Police Service (SAPS) were respectively reported as stolen or as missing in each specified year (details furnished);

(2) what number of such (a) stolen and missing firearms are linked to crimes, (b) firearms and what amount of ammunition has been recovered and (c) persons were successfully prosecuted regarding the theft of state-owned firearms and ammunition;

(3) whether any SAPS officials were prosecuted for negligence or theft; if not, why not; if so, what number has been prosecuted for negligence and for theft;

(4) what measures has his department put in place to combat theft and loss of state-owned firearms and ammunition;

(5) whether he will make a statement on the matter?
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**REPLY:**

(1 )(a) The information, regarding the number of firearms, which have been reported as losses from the South African Police Service (SAPS), is reflected in the table below:

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| **Province** | **2013/2014** | **2014/2015** | **2015/2016** | **2016/2017** | **2017/2018** | **2018/2019** |
| Head Office | 87 | 86 | 94 | 138 | 95 | 65 |
| Eastern Cape | 134 | 150 | 134 | 148 | 112 | 49 |
| Free State | 38 | 22 | 38 | 36 | 32 | 19 |
| Gauteng | 165 | 140 | 185 | 123 | 145 | 101 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 167 | 165 | 180 | 164 | 193 | 142 |
| Limpopo | 45 | 49 | 37 | 36 | 54 | 28 |
| Mpumalanga | 40 | 45 | 36 | 33 | 46 | 38 |

**Find here:** [**(1)(b) The information, regarding the number of rounds of ammunition, which have been reported as losses from the SAPS, is reflected in the table below:**](http://pmg-assets.s3-website-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/RNW102reply.pdf)