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**Mrs N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

Whether her Office has conducted any research to establish why (a) there seems to be an escalation in the incidences of men killing women in the Republic and (b) the prevalence is higher than in the rest of the world; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the (i) relevant details and (ii) details of the findings of any investigations conducted to date? NW2305E

**Reply:**

1. The Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities (PWYDP) has not conducted any research why there seems to be an escalation in the incidences of men killing women in South Africa.
2. The Department has not conducted any research to establish why the prevalence is higher than in the rest of the world. However, South Africa has various sources of Violence against Women administrative data that are used by the Department to inform policy making and programme implementation. These include household surveys e.g., District Health Surveys (DHS-StatsSA), The South African Police Service (SAPS) crime statistics collated from Sexual Offences Courts, Victim Empowerment Centres, Thuthuzela Care Centers, Hospitals, Shelters (state and NGO run) and Research institutions.

Sector specific administrative criteria and methodologies are applied in recording of administrative data. Recording is from different sectoral indicators perspective and programme areas. Data sources are focused on criminal judicial responses and emergency short term responses to violence against women.

The Department is currently facilitating a process of conducting a prevalence survey in the next financial year.