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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY BY MINISTER OF POLICE**

**QUESTION 1204**

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**1204. Ms H S Boshoff (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) How many cases of school staff members administering corporal punishment in each province have been reported to the SA Police Service in the (a) 2014-15, (b) 2015-16, and (c) 2016-17 financial years;

(2) whether any school staff members involved in these cases were found guilty; if so, (a) in how many cases were such staff members found guilty and (b) what sentences did they receive in each case?

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**REPLY:**

(1) The total number of cases of school staff members administering corporal punishment reported to the South African Police Service (SAPS), is as follows:

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| **Province** | **(a)**  **2014/2015** | **(b) 2015/2016** | **(c) 2016/2017** |
| EASTERN CAPE | 0 | 3 | 7 |
| FREE STATE | 0 | 2 | 7 |
| GAUTENG | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| KWAZULU-NATAL | 2 | 3 | 10 |
| LIMPOPO | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| MPUMALANGA | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| NORTH WEST | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| NORTHERN CAPE | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| WESTERN CAPE | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| **TOTAL** | **12** | **14** | **29** |

(2) The total number of school staff members found guilty and the sentence imposed on them, are as follows:

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| **Province** | **(a)**  **Total found guilty** | **(b)**  **Sentence** |
| EASTERN CAPE | 0 | Not applicable. |
| FREE STATE | 1 | One year imprisonment, suspended for four years. |
| GAUTENG | 0 | Not applicable. |
| KWAZULU-NATAL | 2 | Cautioned and discharged. |
| A fine of R6 000,00, suspended for five years. |
| LIMPOPO | 1 | A R3 000,00 fine or 90 days imprisonment, suspended for two years. |
| MPUMALANGA | 0 | Not applicable. |
| NORTH WEST | 0 | Not applicable. |
| NORTHERN CAPE | 1 | Five years imprisonment, wholly suspended. |
| WESTERN CAPE | 1 | Five years imprisonment, suspended for five years and two years correctional service. |
| **TOTAL** | **6** |  |