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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION 126**

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**126. Mr M J Cuthbert (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

With reference his reply to question 2477 on 13 No\/ember 2020, what are the (a) reasons that the forensic investigator(s) assigned to the specified case failed to collect DNA evidence from the crime scene and (b) further relevant details?

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# REPLY:

1. A forensic investigator, which is assigned to a specific case, will investigate the crime scene for the possibility of DNA evidence. If the nature of the crime scene does not necessitate the collection of DNA evidence, nothing will be collected,

e.g. the objects used in the commission of a crime or possible places where the suspect might have come into contact with.

1. The suspect was seen, by means of video footage, to be throwing something through a window and everything was destroyed by the fire. After the fire the object could not be identified. The video footage was sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) for enhancement and still the suspect could not be identified.

Reply to question 126 recommended

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