**NATIONAL ASSEMBY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1637**

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1637 Dr P J Groenwald (FF Plus) at ask the Minister of Police:**(1) In what total number of the murder cases that took place in the (a) 2017-18, (b) 2018-19, (c) 2019-20 and (d) 2020-21 financial years, the murders were committed in each case with (i) legal and/or licensed firearms, (ii) illegal and/or unlicensed firearms, (iii) knives and/or (v) other sharp objects;  
  
(2) whether he will make a statement on the matters?  
  
**REPLY:**  
  
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|  | | **(1)(a) 2017/2018** | **(1)(b) 2018/2019** | **(1)© 2019/2020** | **(1)(d) 2020/2021** |
| & (ii) | Firearms | 6669 | 7373 | 7752 | 8388 |
|  | Knives | 4902 | 4772 | 4553 | 3675 |
|  | Other sharp objects | 2571 | 2330 | 2415 | 2097 |

*\* It is not possible to differentiate between legal and/or /licensed firearms and illegal and/or unlicensed firearms, as the type of weapon used is one reflected as “Firearm‘ on the Crime Administration System (CAS)/investigation Case Docket Management System(ICDMS).*

(2) The Minister of Police will decide if he will make a statement. in this regard  
  
Reply to question 1637 recommended  
  
**GENERAL NATIONAL COMMISSIONER: SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE  
KJ SITOLE (SOEG)  
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Reply to question 1637 approved  
  
**MINISTER OF POLICE  
GENERAL BH CELE., MP   
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