###### National Assembly

Question Number: 168

**Mr D W Macpherson (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) Whether any incidences of negligent discharge of firearms by the National Traffic Police Unit occurred in the (a) 2012-13, (b) 2013-14 and (c) 2014-15 financial years; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (i) investigations were undertaken respectively and (ii) disciplinary steps were taken in each instance;

(2) whether all staff members of the National Traffic Police Unit have undergone business competency tests in accordance with the Firearms Control Act, Act 60 of 2000; if not, (a) why not and (b) how many staff members of each specified unit did not undergo business competency tests; if so, (i) how many of the staff members of the specified units undergone business competency tests in accordance with the specified Act and (ii) what were the results of all staff business competency tests undertaken in each instance? NW168E

**REPLY**

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| **Year**1. (b) & (c)
 | 1. **Incident**
 | 1. **Investigation Status**
 | 1. **Disciplinary steps**
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| (a)2012/13 | Officer accidentally discharged a fire arm in his room at the lodge in Colesburg while on deployment. | The case was reported to SAPS, they took the fire arm and it was handed over to Superintendent after 5 months.The case was dismissed.  | There was no internal disciplinary action taken. |
| (b)2013/14 | No case reported | N/A | N/A |
| (c)2014/15 | No case reported | N/A | N/A |
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1. All staff members of the National Traffic Police Unit have undergone business competency tests in accordance with the Firearms Control Act; 2000 (Act No.60 of 2000). In addition members also do maintenance shooting once a year to continue qualifying to possess their official firearms.