

- (1)(b) The Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) cases are outstanding for between 36 and 1 201 calendar days.

<b>Biology</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>Biology Eastern Cape</b>	<b>Biology KwaZulu-Natal</b>	<b>Biology Head Office</b>	<b>Biology Western Cape</b>
Oldest case	2019-11-28	2019-02-20	2019-01-11	2019-03-14

- (2)(a) There is no shortage of chemicals, for DNA analysis. The contract, with reference 19/1/9/79 TD (19), is used for the procurement of consumables, which are used in the semi-automated forensic DNA processing system, Reference Index (RI) and Crime Index (CI), including validation and training, DNA extraction kits- semen and non-semen, DNA quantification kits and Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) amplification kits.
- (2)(b) Where a shortage of consumables does occur, which is not covered by the contracts in place, procurement is done by making use of quotations. The National Treasury Transversal contracts, RT 76 and RT 32, are also used for the procurement of personal protection equipment (PPE's), gloves and laboratory coats.
- (3)(a) The following maintenance contracts have been awarded:

<b>Contracts Awarded</b>	<b>Period</b>
Procurement of manual and semi-automated DNA processing system for the Regional Laboratory, Eastern Cape 19/1/9/1/24 TR (20)	Two years Awarded: 2021-04-30 Expires: 2023-04-30
Supply and delivery of Proficiency tests 19/1/9/1/92 TD (19)	Two years Awarded: 2021-03-03 Expires: 2023-03-02
Rendering of archive and retrieval of forensics files 19/1/9/1/09 TP (20)	Two years Awarded: 2021-02-08 Expires: 2023-02-07
Maintenance, repair, service and calibration of laboratory instruments for the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), Biology. This specification covers pipettes, biological safety cabinets, laminar flows, fume hood, TECAN liquid handler, laboratory fridge/freezers 3130XL and 3500XL Genetic Analysers, 7500. 19/1/9/1/82TP(19)	Two years Awarded: 2021-05-06 Expires: 2023-05-06
Procurement of consumables for Biology (Pretoria and Western Cape) 19/1/9/1/69 TD (19)	Two years Awarded: 2020-11-02 Expires: 2022-11-01


Contracts Awarded	Period
Procurement of consumables used in the semi-automated DNA Processing system (RI/CI), including validation and training 19/1/9/1/79 TD (19)	Two years Awarded: 2021-03-12 Expires: 2023-03-11
Removal of Hazardous Waste FSL 19/1/9/1/99 TP	Two years Awarded: 2021-05-24 Expires: 2023-05-24
Supply and Delivery of Tamper evidence Bags: Division FSL. 19/1/9/1/98 TD (20)	Two years Awarded: 2021-05-24 Expires: 2023-05-24

(3)(b) The contracts, which have not been awarded yet, are reflected in the table below:

Contract	Reason
Supply and delivery of consumables, chemicals, reagents and solvents at crime scene and crime laboratories, for a period of two years. 19/1/9/1/26TD (21)	Pre-advert meeting scheduled, for 2021-08-26.
Demand 76/2020 Supply and delivery of Evidence Collection kits: D5, AEC and PMIK to the SAPS. Pre-advert date scheduled, for 2021-08-27, for a period of three years.	Pre-advert date, scheduled for 2021-08-27, for a period of three years.
Supply and delivery of consumables for the SAPS Biology Section of the FSL at Platteklouf, Arcadia, KwaZulu-Natal and Port Elizabeth. 19/1/9/1/37 TD (21)	Rectification and approval of special conditions, scheduled for submission, on 2021-08-24.
Maintenance and support of existing closed circuit television (CCTV) and access control at the Division: Forensic Services, including the Detective Head Office site. 19/1/9/1/18TR(20)	Evaluation referred to the Division: Technology Management Services (TMS) and the State Information Technology Agency (SITA) to invite a proposal, on 2021-08-25.
Maintenance repair and servicing of the crime index system instrument for FSL for three year contract. 19/1/9/1/05 TP (21)	Due diligence is scheduled, for 2021-08-23.
Once off supply and delivery of Capillary Electrophoresis Instruments, including validation and training on a once off basis, as well a supply of consumables, servicing, maintenance and support for a period of three years, for Arcadia and Platteklouf: Component: FSL: Section Biology: Division: Detective and Forensic Services. Demand 08/2021 (B)	Approval process to be finalised, on 2021-08-24.

(4) The Minister of Police will decide if he will make a statement, regarding this matter.

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**NATIONAL COMMISSIONER SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICES**  
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**MINISTER OF POLICE**  
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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY****FOR WRITTEN REPLY****QUESTION 450**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 4-2021)**

**450. Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) In light of the violence against women and children, especially sexual offences, (a) in what total number of cases in each of the forensic laboratories of the SA Police Service are the results of DNA tests still outstanding and (b) for how long in each case;
- (2) what is the (a) scope of the shortage of reagents chemicals in each specified forensic laboratory and (b) reason for the specified shortage;
- (3) whether there has been any delays, with regard to the transport of forensic documentary evidence for DNA analysis; if so, (a) at which forensic laboratories and (b) what are the reasons for this;
- (4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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**REPLY:**

- (1)(a) The total number of cases of DNA tests results, in each of the South African Police Service (SAPS) forensic laboratories, which were outstanding, on 25 February 2021, is reflected in the table below:

Category	Biology Eastern Cape	Biology KwaZulu-Natal	Biology Head Office (Pretoria)	Biology Western Cape	Total
Unclassified > 35 days	3 155	4 458	24 948	12 443	45 004
Routine > 35 days	189	79	2 472	2 087	4827
DNA Intelligence > 90 days	0	0	23 853	12 002	35 855
Non routine > 113 days	0	0	16	14	30
RI Intelligence > 90 days	0	0	56 970	30 101	87 071
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 344</b>	<b>4 537</b>	<b>108 259</b>	<b>56 647</b>	<b>172 787</b>

(1)(b) The DNA cases are outstanding for between 36 and 1 027 calendar days.

Category	Biology Eastern Cape	Biology KwaZulu-Natal	Biology Head Office	Biology Western Cape
Oldest case	28 November 2019	10 February 2020	11 January 2019	5 April 2019

(2)(a) The shortage in consumables is mostly within the DNA analysis processing environment. The consumables to do DNA analysis and specific consumables related to the kits are not available. In the Western Cape, shortages are experienced, with regard to Quantification kits, Amplification kits, as well as Direct Amplification kits for the DNA analysis of bucal samples. In Pretoria, shortages are experienced, with regard to Quantification kits, as well as Direct Amplification kits for the DNA analysis of bucal samples. Challenges are also experienced in the procurement of certain Personal Protective Equipment (PPE's), e.g. gloves, due to price changes and longer lead times.

(2)(b) Specific contracts, with regard to consumables and the service, maintenance and calibration of equipment, are outstanding. The following contracts still need to be awarded for consumables and service, as well as the maintenance and repair of equipment:

- o Contract for maintenance, service and repair of the Crime Index System 19/1/9/1/15 TP (20).
- o Contract for the procurement of consumables utilised in the semi-automated forensic DNA processing system (RI and CI) including validation and training (DNA extraction kits – semen and non-semen), DNA quantification kits, PCR amplification kits, etc.) 19/1/9/1/79 TD (19).
- o Contract for the maintenance, service, repair and calibration of laboratory instruments for FSL Biology (pipettes, biological safety cabinets, laminar flows, fume hood, tecan liquid handler, fridges/freezers, 3130XL and 3500XL genetic analysers, 7500 QPCR detection system, 9700 PCR thermocycler and the automated express extraction system 19/1/9/1/82 TP (19).

(3)(a)(b) There is no delay experienced in the transport of documentary evidence for DNA analysis. As soon as a Forensic DNA match report is finalised,

the report is immediately published electronically and is made available to investigating officers, from the Forensic Science Laboratory Administration System to the electronic case diary of the Investigation Case Docket Management System (ICDMS).


- (4) The Minister of Police will decide if he will make a statement, in this regard.

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