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### FOR WRITTEN REPLY

**QUESTION 1790**

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**1790. Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Police:**

1. With reference to his reply to question 450 on 7 April 2021, (a) in what total number of cases, as specified in (1)(a) of the reply, has the DNA tests per category been outstanding since 1 March 2021 in each forensic laboratory of the SA Police Service and (b) for what time period;
2. what (a) do the reagens chemical shortages in each separate forensic laboratory entail with regard to the different kits, as specified in (2)(a) of the reply and (b) are the reasons for the shortages;
3. what (a) total number of the specified contracts with regard to the reagens chemicals, the service, maintenance and calibration of equipment, as specified in (2)(b) of the reply, is still outstanding and (b) are the reasons for this;

# whether he will make a statement on the matter?

**REPLY:**

(1)(a) The total number of cases outstanding, since 1 March 2021, in each forensic laboratory of the South African Police Service (SAPS), is reflected in the table below:

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| **Biology** | | | | | |
| Category | Biology  Eastern Cape | Biology  KwaZuIu- Natal | Biology  Head Office | Biology  Western Cape | Total |
| Unclassified > 3 '  days | 7 050 | 8 438 | 34 829 | 14 197 | 64 514 |
| Routine > 35 days | 921 | 81 | 4 399 | 2 539 | “ 7 940 |
| DNA Intelligence  > 90 days | 0 | 0 | 25 996 | 14 483 | 40 479 |
| Non-routine »  113 days | 0 | 0 | 10 | 22 |  |
| Reference Index  Intelligence > 90 days | 0 | 0 | 72 615 | 52 051 | 124 666 |
| **Total** | **7 971** | **8 519** | **137 849** | **83 292** | **237 631** |

**Find here** [**question reply**](https://pmg.org.za/files/RNW1790-2021-09-20-2.pdf)