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**1832. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Whether, with reference to his reply to question 1612 on 13 June 2016, he intends to take any steps to ensure drastic improvement of the low drug conviction rate of 1,43% in respect of cases from the Kempton Park Police Station in Gauteng that went to court; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

Yes. A meeting was held with the Department of Justice and a possible solution is that members should be briefed during parades on the correct search and arrest procedures. The Forensic Science Laboratory is working on backlogs to improve the turnaround time. Arrangements will be made with members specialising in drug identification to workshop other members at police stations in recognising habit forming substances.