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**1835. Mr W Horn (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Whether, with reference to his reply to question 1615 on 13 June 2016, he intends to take any steps to ensure drastic improvement of the low drug conviction rate of 9,79% in respect of cases from the Tembisa 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. In most cases suspects are arrested with small quantities of dagga and those cases are not placed on the court roll. Intensive operations are then conducted to trace the dealers and sellers. This includes the involvement of the Community Policing Forums to provide information on places where dagga is sold. During the meetings with Department of Justice it was envisaged that suspects be convicted even with smaller amounts of dagga.