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**QUESTION 1932**

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**1932. Mr M H Redelinghuys (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) Whether owners of firearms are required to sign forms indemnifying (a) any SA Police Service (SAPS) official, (b) the SAPS and/or (c) the Government of any (i) responsibility and/or (ii) legal action that may arise as a result of the firearm being in their possession when handing firearms over to the SAPS; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) what standard procedures has his department put in place for handing firearms over to the SAPS?

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**REPLY:**

1. Yes, a person who is legally entitled to possess a firearm or ammunition in terms of the Firearms Control Act, 60 of 2000 and who is the owner of the firearm or ammunition may surrender that firearm or ammunition to (a) a police official (b) of the South African Police Service by the handing over of the firearm or ammunition to (c) a police station together with the applicable licence, permit or authorisation, together with the applicable form (SAPS 522 (a) – Surrendering of Firearm Item(s)).

(1)(i)-(ii) In all instances where a firearm or ammunition is surrendered to a police station, the circumstances may be investigated to establish whether an offence has been committed with or in respect of such firearm or ammunition. A receipt must be handed over to the person from whom the firearm and ammunition is received.

1. National Instruction 3/2002 regulates the surrendering of firearms and/or ammunition to the South African Police Service.