**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION 2322**

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**2322. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What (a) is the current breakdown of the availability of rape kits at each office of the SA Police Service in (i) the Western Cape, (ii) Gauteng, (iii) KwaZulu-Nata1 and (iv) Eastern Cape and (b) measures are taken to address shortages of rape kits at police stations?

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**REPLY:**

Introduction

Th*e* term “rape kits" is used in the public domain, to refer to the collection kits, which are used to collect evidence from victims of sexual assault and rape. However, the South African Police Service (SAPS), makes use of 16 different types of crime kits to collect various samples at crime scenes, These include the two types of evidence collection kits, namely; the Adult Sexual Assault Collection Kit (D1) and the Paediatric Sexual Assault Collection Kit {D7), which are used to collect evidence from victims of sexual assault and rape. The Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Reference Buccal Sample Kits (DB), are used to take buccal simples from persons, who are arrested and charged, for schedule eight offences (this includes serial murderers and serial rapists) as required by the DNA Act.

(a)(i)(ii)(iii)(iv) **The breakdown of the availability of rape kits, as at 4 November 2021, at each office of the South African Police Service (SAPS), in the Western Cape, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape, is reflected in the tables below**:

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| 1. Western Cape
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| Police Station | D1: Kit Collection, Adult, Sexual Assault | D7: Kit Collection, Paediatric, Sexual Assault  |
| Albertinia  | 25 | 10 |
| Ashton | 27 | 38 |
| Athlone | 20 | 20 |
| Atlantis | 64 | 55 |

**Find here:** [**Table**](https://static.pmg.org.za/RNW2322-2021-12-02-2.pdf)