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**QUESTION 2408**

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**2408. Mr D America (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Has (a) the SA Police Service or (b) any investigative body or entity in his department (i) recovered and/or (ii) analysed any fingerprint evidence relating to the (aa) break-in at the Office of the Chief Justice in March 2017, (bb) break-in at the SA Broadcasting Corporation’s offices at Parliament in April 2017, (cc) break-in at the headquarters of the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation in July 2017, (dd) break-in at the National Prosecuting Authority offices on Church Square in July 2017, (ee) robbery at the office of the Chief Prosecutor at the Pretoria Magistrate’s Court and/or (ff) break-in at an office in the National Council of Provinces in July 2017; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

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**REPLY:**

(a)(b)(i)(ii) The Division: Forensic Services of the South African Police Service (SAPS), attended and processed all six crime scenes. Fingerprints and Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) evidence were collected, for further analysis.

 (aa) Midrand, CAS 567/03/2017: Fingerprints were lifted and processed. However, there was no linkage through fingerprints or DNA. The DNA samples were submitted, however, there were no full profiles obtained for searching and matching purposes.

(bb) Cape Town, CAS 1351/4/2017: Fingerprints were lifted at the scene of the crime. However, there was no linkage through fingerprints, thus far.

(cc) Silverton, CAS 59/07/2017: Linkage was done through fingerprints. However, the matter is still under investigation for elimination/exclusion of the employees of the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI), who would ordinarily have left prints at the respective scene(s).

(dd) Pretoria Central, CAS 418/07/2017: a suspect has been arrested and is in custody. The suspect was linked through fingerprints.

(ee) Pretoria Central, CAS 1020/07/2017: a suspect has been linked to the following two cases through fingerprints:

* Burglary at the Office of National Prosecuting Authority: Pretoria Central, CAS 418/07/2017; and
* Burglary at the Office of the Chief Prosecutor at Pretoria Magistrate Court: Pretoria Central, CAS 1020/07/2017).

The suspect has been arrested and is in custody. The DNA analysis for Pretoria Central, CAS 1020/07/2017, is in process and the results will be made available once the analysis has been concluded.

(ff) Cape Town, CAS 1823/7/2017: DNA material and fingerprints were lifted at the scene of crime, however, there was no linkage through fingerprints, thus far. The DNA analysis is in process and the results will be made available, once the analysis has been concluded.