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**QUESTION 2578**

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**2578. Mr D W Macpherson (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) (a) How many operations targeting (i) illegal taverns and/or (ii) shebeens were carried out by the Phoenix Police Station in the 2014-15 financial year and (b) on which dates;

(2) (a) what is the total number of arrests that were made, (b) how many persons were charged and (c) for which offences in each case;

(3) how many convictions have been secured against operators of (a) illegal taverns and/or (b) shebeens in terms of the Liquor Act, Act 59 of 2003?

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**REPLY:**

(1) The station is conducting operations every Thursday of the week and so far there are fifty two (52) illegal taverns and fifty two (52) shebeens identified.

(2) During the operation there were ninety eight (98) arrests and ninety eight (98) persons were charged for dealing in liquor without a license.

(3) The convictions secured for during the operation are three (3) taverns and fifteen (15) shebeens for non-compliance.