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QUESTION 2587

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2587. Mr R A Lees (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) What is the number of (a) criminal cases opened, (b) convictions achieved, (c) child abuse cases opened and (d) persons convicted of child abuse as a result of charges laid at each police station within the Uthukela District Municipality in the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021;
- (2) what are the relevant details of the (a) specialised equipment and (b) rooms for use in the instances of child abuse reported at each police station within the Uthukela District Municipality in the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021;
- (3) what are the details of the (a) holding cells available and (b) the number of usable holding cells at each police stations within the Uthukela District Municipality in the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021?

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REPLY:

(1)(a) A total number of 925 criminal cases opened at police stations within the Uthukela District Municipality, from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.

(1)(b) The following convictions were achieved:

- Four x life imprisonment.
- Three x fifteen years imprisonment.
- Three x ten years imprisonment.
- Three x five years imprisonment.
- Two x two years imprisonment.

- (1)(c) A total number of 408 child abuse cases were opened for the specified period. The breakdown, per police station, is reflected below.

Police Stations	Number of Cases
Ladysmith	55
Bergville	48
Ekuvukeni	53
Ezakheni	67
Colenso	5
Upper Tugela	28
Van Reenen	10
Besters	13
Elandslaagte	17
Ematsheni	31
Estcourt	21
Weenen	9
Winterton	4
Amangwe	24
Ntabamhlophe	9
Wembezi	14
Total	408

- (1)(d) One person was convicted of child abuse, in the specified period.
- (2)(a) There are three specialised equipment (victim-friendly) rooms for private counselling to victims. The rooms contain sleeper couches, toys, word puzzles and colourful walls, to make the victims feel relaxed.
- (2)(b) The victim friendly rooms are located at the following police station and units:
- Ezakheni police station.
 - Ladysmith Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) Unit.
 - Estcourt FCS Unit.
- (3)(a)(b) The details of the holding cells available and the number of usable holding cells at each police station, in the Uthukela District Municipality, for the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021, is reflected in the table below.

District: Uthukela			
No.	Name of Police Station	Holding Cells Available	Number of Usable Holding Cells
1.	Ladysmith	7	3
2.	Estcourt	9	6
3.	Bergville	5	4
4.	Colenso	5	Cells not in use

District: Uthukela			
No.	Name of Police Station	Holding Cells Available	Number of Usable Holding Cells
5.	Amangwe	2	2
6.	Ntabamhlophe	2	Cells not in use
7.	Ematsheni	2	Cells not in use
8.	Upper Tugela	No cells	No Cells
9.	Weenen	4	2
10.	Wembezi	No cells	No cells
11.	Winterton	3	3
12.	Besters	3	Cells not in use
13.	Ekuvukeni	1	1
14.	Elandslaagte	1	Cells not in use
15.	Ezakheni	2	1
16.	Van Reenen	3	Cells not in use
Total		49	22

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