

FOR WRITTEN REPLY**QUESTION 261**

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261. Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Police:

(1) With reference to his reply to question 4008 on 8 January 2024 that 357 firearms and 148 rounds of ammunition were stolen from the 13 stores where the SA Police Service stores evidence, what (a) total number of cases were affected by the specified theft, (b) was the result of the specified cases due to the lack of evidence and (c) type of criminal cases were in question in each case;

(2) whether any claims were filed against the State due to evidence that were lost; if not, why not; if so, what (a) total number of claims were filed, (b) number of the specified claims were successful and (c) was the result in each case?

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REPLY:

(1)(a)(b)(c) One case for possession of a firearm without a licence was affected by the theft at the South African Police Service (SAPS) 13 Stores, and the case is still under investigation. The forensic analysis of the firearm had not yet been done, at the time of its theft.

(2)(a)(b)(c) Three claims were instituted against the SAPS, as a result of the loss of firearms that were kept as evidence in the SAPS 13 stores. The Claimants' firearms were surrendered to the SAPS after the Firearm Amnesty was declared by the Minister of Police. All three claims were successful with a total pay-out amount of R34 149.

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**MINISTER OF POLICE
 GENERAL BH CELE/MP**

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