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**2677. Mr S P Mhlongo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What is the total number of firearms that have gone missing from SA Police Service (a) stores and (b) evidence rooms?

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**REPLY:**

(a) The following number of firearms that have been reported as lost, per financial year, from the South African Police Service’s provisioning stores, are reflected below:

(i) 2000/2001 - 0

(ii) 2001/2002 - 0

2002/2003 - 0

(iii) 2003/2004 - 0

(iv) 2004/2005 - 0

(v) 2005/2006 - 0

(vi) 2006/2007 - 1

(vii) 2007/2008 - 0

(viii) 2008/2009 - 0

(ix) 2009/2010 - 0

(x) 2010/2011 - 0

(xi) 2011/2012 - 0

(xii) 2012/2013 - 0

(xiii) 2013/2014 - 0

(xiv) 2014/2015 - 0

(xv) 2015/2016 - 1

(xvi) 2016/2017 - 43 firearms were discovered missing. The exact date the loss occurred is not known.

1. A total of 20 exhibit firearms were reported lost/stolen, from SAPS 13 Stores and/or evidence rooms, in the 2017/2018 financial year. The 20 firearms were reported as stolen, at the Bellville South Police Station in the Western Cape. An investigation is currently underway.