# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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**Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

1. Since the establishment of the Sexual Offences and Community Affairs Unit of the National Prosecuting Authority in 1999, (a) what total number of (i) reports, (ii) studies and (iii) research papers have been commissioned internally and/or externally on the (aa) reasons for, (bb) effects of and (cc) eradication of the pandemic of sexual offences in the Republic, (b) by whom was the research conducted and (c) what was the topic of the research;
2. Whether he will furnish Mrs D van der Walt with a copy of the reports; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

1. The Sexual Offences and Community Affairs (SOCA) Unit did not commission any research. However, the Unit participated in research projects commissioned by others (institutions and individuals) by making relevant National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) officials available to be interviewed or assist with data. The list of research projects that were approved by the SOCA Unit through the NPA’s research unit from 2017 to date is attached as [**Annexure A**.](https://static.pmg.org.za/RNW2703ANNEXURE.pdf)
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