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**2704. Mr M Bagraim (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What number of (a) SA Police Service officers in each province currently do not have firearm (i) licenses and/or (ii) competency certificates and (b) the specified officers still carry firearms?

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**REPLY:**

(a)(i) The South African Police Service (SAPS) does not issue firearm licences to police officials, but issues firearm permits instead. The firearm permit will be issued, subject to the provision that a police official proves that he/she, possesses a competency declaration. This is a declaration stating that a police official is a fit and proper person to possess a firearm and that the police official successfully completed training, in the safe handling of a firearm.

(a)(ii) and (b)

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| **Provinces** | **(ii) Number of Officers who do not have competency certificates** | **(b) Number of officers who are not yet competent, but still carrying firearms** |
| Eastern Cape | 1 273 | 264 |
| Free State | 894 | 334 |
| Gauteng | 3 481 | 940 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 1 107 | 125 |
| Limpopo | 1 009 | 543 |
| Mpumalanga | 1 117 | 664 |
| North West | 975 | 308 |
| Northern Cape | 565 | 170 |
| Western Cape | 913 | 125 |
| **Total** | **11 334** | **3 473** |