

FOR WRITTEN REPLY**QUESTION 275**

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275. Ms Z Majozi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Police:

Considering statistics provided in the SA Gunowners' Association report in 2023 (details furnished), what are the relevant details of the (a) breakdown of the total number of SA Police Service (SAPS) firearms that were recovered in the 2022-23 financial year, (b) areas that were identified as having the highest number of misplaced SAPS firearms and (c) consequence measures in place for SAPS officers who cannot account for their firearms?

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REPLY:

- (a) The breakdown of the total number of South African Police Service (SAPS) firearms that were recovered in the 2022/23 financial year, is as follows;

PROVINCE	RECOVERED SAPS FIREARMS
Eastern Cape	38
Free State	11
Gauteng	43
Kwa-Zulu Natal	57
Limpopo	16
Mpumalanga	17
North West	30
Northern Cape	6
Western Cape	27
Total	245

- (b) The areas that were identified as having the highest number of misplaced SAPS firearms are unknown.

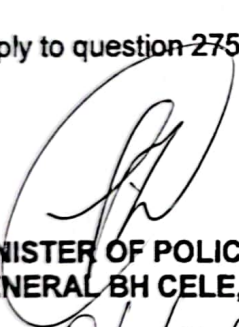
- (c) If a SAPS member cannot account for his/her firearm, an investigation is undertaken to ascertain the circumstances under which the firearm became unaccounted for. If the investigation reveals that there was negligence on the part of the member, this is regarded as serious misconduct and disciplinary steps are instituted against the member, in terms of the SAPS Discipline Regulations, 2016. Furthermore a criminal case is opened against the member in accordance with Section 120(8) of the Firearms Control Act (Act 60 of 2000).

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

Date: 26/04/2024

Honourable Majozi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Police:

- 3. The South African Gunowners Association (SAGA) reported in 2023 that 10% of the SAPS's firearms have been reported as lost or stolen over the past two decades, while 9.5 million rounds of ammunition have gone missing since 2016. In the past five financial years, 3 405 official police firearms were stolen or went missing, while between 2005 and 2017, 26 025 firearms that were issued to police officers were stolen or could simply not be accounted for. Considering this, please provide a breakdown of the number of SAPS firearms that have been recovered in 2022/23, the areas that have been identified as having the highest number of misplaced SAPS firearms, and the consequence measures in place for SAPS officers that cannot account for their firearms?
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