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**QUESTION 2854**

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**2854. Mr Z N Mbhele (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) What number of civilians (a) currently have one or more firearms registered in their names on the Central Firearm Register (CFR) and (b) have used the specified registered firearms for (i) criminal activities and/or (ii) homicide;

(2) what number of (a) civilian firearms registered in the CFR have been reported as lost or stolen and (b) the specified firearms have been recovered since 1 January 2007;

(3) what number of unregistered firearms have been recovered by the SA Police Service since 1 January 2007;

(4) what number of (a) firearms registered to state entities, including the SA National Defence Force, State Security Agency, National Intelligence Agency, SA Police Service and any other law enforcement entity, have been reported as lost or stolen and (b) the specified firearms have been recovered since 1 January 2007?

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**REPLY:**

(1)(a) On 20 September 2017, a total of 1 661 158 individual firearm owners (civilians) had one or more firearms registered in their names, on the Central Firearm Register (CFR) data base.

(1)(b)(i)(ii) The information with regards to paragraph (1)(b)(i) and (ii), is not readily available as it must be verified, before the information can be submitted. A request is hereby made for an extension, in order to provide the correct information, as soon as it is received.

(2)(a) A total of 81 931 firearms, registered on the CFR data base, belonging to individual firearm owners (civilians), were reported lost or stolen during the period, 1 January 2007 to 20 September 2017.

(2)(b) A total of 37 411 firearms with serial numbers, were recovered during the period, 1 January 2007 to 20 September 2017, which are linked to individuals firearms owners (civilians), who are registered on the CFR data base.

(3) A total of 29 682 unregistered firearms, (firearms with a serial numbers that has never been registered on the CFR database, or where the serial numbers have been erased/filed off, or firearms with duplicate serial numbers), were recovered during the period, 1 January 2007 to 20 September 2017.

(4)(a) A total of 15 489 firearms, belonging to official institutions, were reported lost or stolen during the period, 1 January 2007 to 20 September 2017.

(4)(b) A total of 4 980 firearms, with serial numbers, were recovered during the period, 1 January 2007 to 20 September 2017, and were linked to official institutions, as registered on the CFR data base