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**QUESTION 2979**

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**2979. Ms D Kohler (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**
Whether buccal sample swabs are conducted on each new SA Police Service officer in line with the Criminal Law (Forensic Procedures) Amendment Act, Act 37 of 2013?
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 **REPLY:**

Forensic Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) profiles, derived from buccal samples, have been taken from 43 604 South African Police Service (SAPS) members to date and loaded onto the National Forensic DNA Database.

On 11 October 2018, a directive was sent to all Commanders, by the Deputy National Commissioner: Crime Detection, to ensure that buccal samples are taken from SAPS members, appointed, since 27 January 2015.

Reply to question 2979 recommended

**GENERAL NATIONAL COMMISSIONER: SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE
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Reply to question 2979 approved

**MINISTER OF POLICE
BH CELE, MP
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