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**QUESTION 2985**

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**2985. Mr R K Purdon (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) How many drug intelligence reports were generated by the Division for Forensic Science (FSD) in the SA Police Service (SAPS) in (a) each of the past five financial years and (b) since 1 April 2017;

(2) what is the current backlog in the generation of drug intelligence reports;

(3) in (a) each of the past five financial years and (b) since 1 April 2017, what is the total number of (i) drug samples that were (aa) identified and (bb) classified and (ii) substances involved in the illicit synthesis and formulation of drugs were analysed by the FSD?

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**REPLY:**

(1)(a)(b) The following drug intelligence reports (meaning non-case finding reports), were issued:

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|  | **2012/2013** | **2013/2014** | **2014/2015** | **2015/2016** | **2016/2017** | **1 April 2017 to 8 October 2017** |
| **Drug Intelligence reports issued by the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), Chemistry Section** | 0 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 2 |
| **Drug Intelligence reports issued by the Division: Technology Management Services (ad hoc) to the FSL, Chemistry Section** | 19 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 19 | 13 |
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1. There are currently no backlogs in respect of drug intelligence reports.

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| **Substance** | **2012/2013** | **2013/2014** | **2014/2015** | **2015/2016** | **2016/2017** | **1 April 2017 to 8 October 2017** |
| Cathinones | 3 771 | 5 874 | 5 753 | 6 163 | 6 982 | 2 905 |
| Cocaine | 4 087 | 4 454 | 3 440 | 2 872 | 3 388 | 1 841 |
| Heroine and Morphine | 10 714 | 15 454 | 16 874 | 16 323 | 20 772 | 10 766 |
| LSD | 30 | 16 | 18 | 14 | 10 | 6 |
| Methamphetamine | 21 200 | 24 117 | 26 653 | 28 367 | 31 842 | 15 445 |
| Methaqualone | 14 133 | 18 412 | 20 039 | 21 788 | 28 162 | 15 695 |
| Other Amphetamine Type stimulants | 437 | 548 | 594 | 431 | 576 | 310 |
| Other Drugs | 140 | 115 | 191 | 152 | 177 | 79 |
| Ephedrines | 323 | 180 | 225 | 110 | 100 | 61 |
| Clan lab chemicals | 4 | 45 | 24 | 19 | 4 | 7 |
| **Total** | **54 839** | **69 215** | **73 811** | **76 239** | **92 013** | **47 115** |

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| **Substance** | **2012/2013** | **2013/2014** | **2014/2015** | **2015/2016** | **2016/2017** | **1 April 2017 to 8 October 2017** |
| Methcathinone | 10 | 5 | 13 | 8 | 10 | 4 |
| Methamphetamine | 8 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Cathinone + Methamphetamine | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Methcathinone + Methamphetamine | 1 |  | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Methaqualone | 9 | 13 | 10 | 11 | 9 | 5 |
| Other Amphetamine Type stimulants | 0 |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |