# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 3055**

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**Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Health:†**

(1) With reference to investigations into deaths in all state mortuaries, in which number of deaths (a) in the financial year (i) 2015-16, (ii) 2016-17 and (iii) 2017-18 and (b) since 1 April 2018 until the latest specified date for which information is available, the death was the result of (aa) the use of a firearm, (bb) the use of blunt objects, (cc) the use of knives and other sharp objects and (dd) asphyxiation;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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**REPLY:**

1. Table 1 below is a total of investigations from 4 Provinces, Gauteng, Limpopo and Western Cape. Still awaiting response from 5 Provinces

**Table 1: Total of investigations**

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|  | **2015/16** | **2016/17**  | **2017/18**  | **1 April to September 2018** |
| **Use of firearm** | 3682 | 3815 | 4536 | 2774 |
| **use of blunt objects** | 2146 | 2134 | 2470 | 1260 |
| **use of knives and other sharp objects** | 3470 | 3886 | 3893 | 1692 |
| **Asphyxiation** | 779 | 778 | 771 | 292 |

1. No, there is no need to make a statement. The Minister of Police makes statements on these issues frequently.

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