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**QUESTION 3099**

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**3099. Mrs A M Dreyer (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What number of (a) firearm and tool mark identification, (b) identification of firearms and ammunition, (c) restoration of defaced and removed numbers on metal, (d) terminal ballistic reports, (e) vehicle accident scene reconstructions, (f) wheel and tyre examinations, (g) preliminary body fluid tests and (h) blood spatter pattern analyses were finalised by the Forensic Service Division of the SA Police Service in (i) each of the past five financial years and (ii) since 1 April 2017?

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**REPLY:**

(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f)(g)(h)(i)(ii)

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|  | **2013/ 2014** | **2014/ 2015** | **2015/ 2016** | **2016/ 2017** | **1 April 2017 to date** |
| 1. Firearm and tool mark identification.
 | 13 917 | 13 995 | 17 007 | 19 662 | 10 014 |
| 1. Identification of firearms and ammunition.
 | 11 318 | 11 197 | 10 230 | 1 174 | 6 552 |
| 1. Restoration of defaced and removed numbers on metal.
 | 5 958 | 5 547 | 5 384 | 5 563 | 2 774 |
| 1. Terminal ballistic reports.
 | 445 | 485 | 448 | 405 | 106 |
| 1. Vehicle accident scene reconstructions.
 | 445 | 485 | 448 | 405 | 77 |
| 1. Wheel and tyre examinations.
 | 52 | 50 | 63 | 61 | 29 |
| 1. Preliminary body fluid tests.
 | 26 684 | 25 239 | 25 007 | 32 527 | 15 073 |
| 1. Blood spatter pattern analyses.
 | The Forensic Science Laboratory Administration System, does not have a specific function for capturing blood spatter pattern analysis separately. This analysis is done by the Ballistics and Victim Identification Centre Section, when attending crime scenes. |