**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 311**

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**Adv T E Mulaudzi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

What was the conviction rate for gang-related offences in each province in each of the past two financial years?

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**REPLY:**

I am informed by the National Prosecuting Authority that the regions only started to track and report on what is called gang-related offences during the 2018/19 financial year. It is important to note that there is no such crime or charge in our law. Therefore, statistics in this regard are not automatically tracked and recorded in the system.

Gang related offences are mostly prevalent in the Western and Eastern Cape Divisions.

During this financial year (April 2018 – February 2019), these two regions indicated that 87 verdict cases were finalised, obtaining 65 convictions. This therefore represents a conviction rate of 74.7%.