**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 312**

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

What was the conviction rate for (a) rape and (b) sexual assault in each province in each of the past two financial years?

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**REPLY:**

The National Prosecuting Authority has informed me that 5 419 sexual offences cases were finalized with a verdict during 2018/19 financial, i.e. during the period April 2018 – January 2019. Convictions were obtained in 4 034 of these cases, representing a conviction rate of 74.4%.

A break down in respect of each province for the 2017/18 financial year and current 2018/19 financial year (up to the end of January 2019) is provided in the table below:

**Sexual Offences (SO) conviction rates per province for the past two (2) financial years**

| **Province** | **Financial Year**  |  | **SO** **Convicted** **Cases** | **SO Acquitted Cases** | **Total SO Finalised** | **Sum of SO Conviction Rate** |
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| Eastern Cape | 2017/2018 |  | 798 | 214 | 1 012 | 78,9% |
| 2018/2019 |  | 742 | 192 | 934 | 79,4% |
| Free State | 2017/2018 |  | 697 | 238 | 935 | 74,5% |
| 2018/2019 |  | 504 | 161 | 665 | 75,8% |
| Gauteng | 2017/2018 |  | 725 | 301 | 1 026 | 70,7% |
| 2018/2019 |  | 531 | 184 | 715 | 74,3% |
| KZN | 2017/2018 |  | 899 | 393 | 1 292 | 69,6% |
| 2018/2019 |  | 660 | 262 | 922 | 71,6% |
| Limpopo | 2017/2018 |  | 298 | 162 | 460 | 64,8% |
| 2018/2019 |  | 232 | 148 | 380 | 61,1% |
| Mpumalanga | 2017/2018 |  | 367 | 123 | 490 | 74,9% |
| 2018/2019 |  | 309 | 72 | 381 | 81,1% |
| North West | 2017/2018 |  | 327 | 126 | 453 | 72,2% |
| 2018/2019 |  | 263 | 87 | 350 | 75,1% |
| Northern Cape | 2017/2018 |  | 171 | 70 | 241 | 71,0% |
| 2018/2019 |  | 181 | 70 | 251 | 72,1% |
| Western Cape | 2017/2018 |  | 722 | 248 | 970 | 74,4% |
| 2018/2019 |  | 612 | 209 | 821 | 74,5% |

### NB: Definition of Sexual Offences

Any case involving offences committed in terms of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Act, 32 of 2007, and may include common law rape or indecent assault. ***Statistics reported in this response are in terms of this definition.***