**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 3147**

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

What has been the conviction rate for (a) rape and (b) murder charges in each of the past five financial years?

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**REPLY:**

1. The National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) recorded progress on all cases of sexual offences over the past five (5) years. The table below depicts progress is:

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|  | **Financial Years** | **Change over previous year** | **Change over period2013/14-17/18** |
| **2013/14**  | **2014/15** | **2015/16** | **2016/17** | **2017/18** |
| Sexual Offences | 67,1% | 69,0% | 70,1% | 71,7% | 72,7% | 1,1% | 6,9% |
| Convictions | 5 484 | 5 084 | 4 978 | 4 780 | 5 004 | 4,7% | -8,8% |
| Verdict | 8 174 | 7 372 | 7 098 | 6 669 | 6 879 | 3,1% | -15,8% |

Sexual offences are defined as “any case involving offences committed in terms of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Act No. 32 of 2007, and may include common law rape or indecent assault.”

1. From the 2017/18 financial year, The NPA started to measure murder convictions, a 77.7% conviction rate was achieved at the end of that financial year.