**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 347**

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**347.Mr M Waters (OA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Whether police officers enforce the law relating to liquor licences and the conduct of patrons on and around the premises (details furnished); if not, why not; whether the SA Police Service closes an establishment that transgresses its liquor licence conditions?

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**REPLY:**

Yes, members of the South African Police Service (SAPS) do enforce compliance to provincial liquor legislation, in support of Provincial Liquor Board Inspectors, appointed in terms of the applicable provincial liquor legislation. The following number of liquor law enforcement actions were executed at licensed liquor premises, in 2018/2019:

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| **Province** | **Number of**  **liquor compliance inspections conducted** | **Number of J534's issued for liquor compliance contraventions by**  **licensed liquor premises** | **Number of of J534’s Issued for drinking in public places** | **Number of J534’s issued for being drunk in public places** |
| Eastern Cape | 85 113 | 21 395 | 827 | 9 696 |
| Free State | 01432 | 33 453 | 2 098 | 8 265 |
| Gauteng | 136 200 | 22 624 | 6 787 | 2 441 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 80 531 | 10 308 | 2 162 | 2 728 |
| Limpopo | 113 114 | 31 313 | 10 346 | 8 161 |
| Mpumalanga | 37 723 | 2 249 | 1 437 | 140 |
| North West | 31 289 | 9 169 | 12 933 | 1 373 |
| Northern Cape | 33 367 | 5 153 | 351 | 14 138 |
| Western Cape | 58 812 | 9 998 | 1 645 | 44 761 |
| **Total** | **677 581** | **145 002** | **39 516** | **87 733** |

2. No, the SAPS does not have the mandate to close an establishment that transgresses its liquor licence conditions. Only the respective Provincial Liquor Boards have the mandate to close an establishment that transgresses its liquor licence conditions.

Reply to question 347 recommended/

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