**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 3520**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 16 NOVEMBER 2018**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 30 NOVEMBER 2018**

**Ms D Kohler (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

What is the total number of convictions secured in each province for the (a) possession, (b) sale, (c) manufacture and (d) use of drugs (i) in the (aa) 2014-15, (bb) 2015-16, (cc) 2016-17 and (dd) 2017-18 financial years and (ii) since 1 April 2018?

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**REPLY:**

The Department of Justice and Constitutional Development informed me that, according to the Integrated Case Management System (ICMS), the only reported matters are when a guilty verdict was imposed. The information is tabulated below according to each financial year.

1. **2014/15:**

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| **Region** | **Dealing with Drugs** | **Possession of Drugs** | **Total** |
| Eastern Cape | 932 | 5 709 | 6 641 |
| Free State | 368 | 1 983 | 2 351 |
| Gauteng | 978 | 7 216 | 8 194 |
| Kwa-Zulu Natal | 377 | 16 329 | 16 706 |
| Limpopo | 76 | 802 | 878 |
| Mpumalanga | 442 | 1 151 | 1 593 |
| North West | 123 | 450 | 573 |
| Northern Cape | 175 | 769 | 944 |
| Western Cape | 1 397 | 22 552 | 23 949 |
| **Grand Total** | **4 868** | **56 961** | **61 829** |

1. **2015/16:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Region** | **Allowing sale; use or possession of drugs on premises in contravention of any law** | **Dealing in Drugs** | **Possession or using a dependence-producing drug or plant** | **Possession/Use of Drugs** | **Total** |
| Eastern Cape | 30 | 654 | 8 | 5 169 | 5 861 |
| Free State | 1 | 179 | 3 | 2 204 | 2 387 |
| Gauteng | 4 | 540 |  | 5 546 | 6 090 |
| Kwa-Zulu Natal | 26 | 212 | 43 | 15 395 | 15 676 |
| Limpopo |  | 46 | 2 | 793 | 841 |
| Mpumalanga | 1 | 481 | 9 | 1 679 | 2 170 |
| North West | 2 | 72 | 2 | 440 | 516 |
| Northern Cape |  | 133 | 1 | 927 | 1 061 |
| Western Cape | 2 | 870 | 2 | 21 714 | 22 588 |
| **Grand Total** | **66** | **3 187** | **70** | **53 867** | **57 190** |

1. **2016/17:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Region** | **Dealing with Drugs** | **Possession or using a dependence-producing drug or plant** | **Possession/Use of Drugs** | **Total** |
| Eastern Cape | 287 | 1 | 3 092 | 3 380 |
| Free State | 201 |  | 1 040 | 1241 |
| Gauteng | 574 | 2 | 5 847 | 6 423 |
| Kwa-Zulu Natal | 526 | 9 | 11 018 | 11 553 |
| Limpopo | 67 | 1 | 786 | 854 |
| Mpumalanga | 442 | 1 | 1 568 | 2 011 |
| North West | 147 |  | 847 | 994 |
| Northern Cape | 118 |  | 386 | 504 |
| Western Cape | 530 | 7 | 13 406 | 13 943 |
| **Grand Total** | **2 892** | **21** | **37 990** | **40 903** |

1. **2017/18:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Region** | **Dealing in Drugs** | **Possession or Use of Drugs** | **Possession or using a dependence-producing drug or plant** | **Grand Total** |
| Eastern Cape | 395 | 3 952 | 8 | 4 355 |
| Free State | 235 | 1717 | 2 | 1 954 |
| Gauteng | 611 | 6 030 | 7 | 6 648 |
| Kwa-Zulu Natal | 515 | 13 067 | 54 | 13 636 |
| Limpopo | 45 | 721 | 1 | 767 |
| Mpumalanga | 522 | 1 558 | 3 | 2 083 |
| North West | 115 | 947 |  | 1 062 |
| Northern Cape | 141 | 737 |  | 878 |
| Western Cape | 567 | 16 954 | 31 | 17 552 |
| **Grand Total** | **3 146** | **45 683** | **106** | **48 935** |

1. **1 April 2018 – September 2018:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Region** | **Dealing with Drugs** | **Possession or Use of Drugs** | **Possession or using a dependence-producing drug or plant** | **Total** |
| Eastern Cape | 120 | 1 411 | 2 | 1 533 |
| Free State | 84 | 724 |  | 808 |
| Gauteng | 179 | 2 848 | 2 | 3 029 |
| Kwa-Zulu Natal | 92 | 4 924 | 46 | 5 062 |
| Limpopo | 21 | 216 |  | 237 |
| Mpumalanga | 164 | 560 | 1 | 725 |
| North West | 28 | 339 |  | 367 |
| Northern Cape | 33 | 295 | 1 | 329 |
| Western Cape | 209 | 5 970 | 28 | 6 207 |
| **Grand Total** | **930** | **17 287** | **80** | **18 297** |