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**QUESTION 3527**

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**3527. Mr T J Brauteseth (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) Whether any children have been reported as (a) missing or (b) having absconded from the Don Mattera Child and Youth Care Centre in Edenvale in 2017; if so, (i) what number of children, (ii) on what dates were they reported as missing or having absconded and (iii) what are the case numbers for each case;

(2) what is the progress with regard to the investigation of each case?

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**REPLY:**

(1)(a) No, children have not been reported as missing from the centre.

(1)(b) Yes, there have been children that absconded from the centre in 2017.

(1)(i) A total of 15 children absconded from the centre.

(1)(ii)(iii) and (2) A replication of OB numbers appear, due to the fact that some of the youth absconded together and the Don Mattera Child and Youth Care Centre, reported it on the same date and time.

| **(1)(ii)**  **Date of Abscondment** | **(1)(iii)**  **SAPS OB Number** | **(2)**  **Progress/Status** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 2017/02/04 | 259/02/2017 | Returned to the centre. |
| 2017/02/04 | 259/02/2017 | Child is in the care of his biological mother. |
| 2017/02/07 | 472/02/2017 | Returned to the centre. |
| 2017/02/07 | 472/02/2017 | Child is in the care of her biological father. |
| 2017/03/27 | 1485/03/2017 | Whereabouts unknown. |
| 2017/03/27 | 1485/03/2017 | Returned to the centre. |
| 2017/04/28 | 2468/04/2017 | Whereabouts unknown. |
| 2017/04/28 | 2468/04/2017 | In the care of biological mother. |
| 2017/04/28 | 2468/04/2017 | In the care of biological mother. |
| 2017/04/28 | 2468/04/2017 | In private place of safety in Vereeniging. |
| 2017/04/28 | 2468/04/2017 | In the care of biological mother. |
| 2017/04/28 | 2468/04/2017 | Returned to the centre. |
| 2017/10/30 | 1911/10/2017 | In the care of a place of Safety, Durban. |
| 2017/10/30 | 1911/10/2017 | In the care of significant other. |
| 2017/10/30 | 1911/10/2017 | Whereabouts unknown. |