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**QUESTION 36**

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**36. Mr AG Whitfield (DA) to ask the Minister Police :**  
(a) what number of (i) civilian firearms and (ii) civilian ammunition were reported as (aa) stolen and (bb) recovered (aaa) in each of the past 10 financial years and (bbb) since 1 April 2019 and (b) what are the relevant details, including the calibre of firearm and ammunition, in each specified case?  
  
**REPLY**  
(a)(i)(aa)(aaa)

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| **THE NUMBER OF FIREARMS REPORTED AS LOST /STOLEN : 2010/2011 TO 2018/2019** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Financial Year** | 2010/ 2011 | 2011/ 2012 | 2012/ 2013 | 2013/ 2014 | 2014/ 2015 | 2015/ 2016 | 2016/ 2017 | 2017/ 2018 | 2018/ 2019 |
| **Total** | 6 542 | 6 122 | 6 475 | 5 824 | 5 869 | 6 735 | 8 884 | 7 836 | 7 655 |

(a)(i)(aa)(bbb)  
The total number of firearms, which was reported as lost/stolen, for the period 1 April 2019 to 17 February 2020, is 6 587  
  
(a)(ii)(aa)(aaa)(bbb)  
This information is not readily available on any South African Police Service (SAPS) System, in order to address the request, an extensive effort, from both administrative and operational personnel will need to be utilised over a long period of time. Case files will need to be recovered from archives and manually persued to identify any case that relate to this request. This will impede on current investigations and hamper service delivery.  
  
(b) The relevant details, with regards to the lost and stolen firearms, including the type and calibre, per financial year, are reflected in the tables below:

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| **LOST/STOLEN FIREARMS: 2010/2011** | | | |
| **FIREARM TYPE** | **CALIBRE DESCRIPTION** | **TOTAL** | |
| **COMBINATION** | 22 LR/.410BR | | 5 |
| .303/ 12GA | | 1 |
| 12 BR/16 BR/9.3 MM COMBINATION | | 1 |
| **COMBINATION TOTAL** | | | 7 |
| **PISTOL** | .22 LONG/ LR (PISTOL) | | 114 |
| .22 SHORT | | 2 |
| .25 ACP (6.35MM BROW) | | 4 |

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| **RECOVERED FIREARMS: 1 APRIL 2019 TO 17 FEBRUARY 202** | | | | |
| **FIREARM TYPE** | **CALIBRE DESCRIPTION** | **TOTAL** | | |
|  | 6.5X55MM SWED MAUS | | 1 | |
| 6MM | | 2 | |
| 6MM MUSGRAVE | | 3 | |
| 7.62 MM RIFLE | | 1 | |
| 7.62X39MM | | 1 | |
| 7.62X51MM | | 4 | |
| 7.9X57MM J OR JS | | 1 | |
| 7X57MM MAUS (7MM MAUS) | | 1 | |
| 7X64MM BRENNEKE | | 1 | |
| 8MM RIFLE | | 3 | |
| 9MM RIFLE | | 1 | |
| **RIFLE TOTAL** | | | 335 | |
| **S/L: PIST CAL – RIFLR/CAB** | 9MM PAR (9X19MM) | | 4 | |
| **S/L: RIFLE CAL – RIFLE/CARBINE** | .22 LONG RIFLE (LR) | | 1 | |
| .223 REM | | 10 | |
| 5.56X45MM | | 1 | |
| 7.62X51MM | | 1 | |
| **S/L: RIFLE CAL – RIFLE/CARBINE TOTAL** | | | **13** |
| **SHOTGUN** | .410 B0RE | | 9 | |
| 12 GA | | 227 | |
| 20 GA | | 1 | |
| **SHOTGUN TOTAL** | | | **237** | |
| **GRAND TOTAL** | | | **5 531** | |

Reply to question 36 recommended  
  
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