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**QUESTION 3624**

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**3624. Ms D Kohler (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) How many operational SA Police Service members who were killed in each province had their firearm(s) taken from them (a) in the (i) 2010-11, (ii) 2011-12, (iii) 2012-13, (iv) 2013-14 and (v) 2014-15 financial years and (b) from 1 April 2015 up to the latest specified date for which information is available;

(2) whether each specified firearm(s) was subsequently (a) found to have been utilised in the commission of another crime and (b) recovered;

(3) whether the officer in question had the requisite firearm competency certificates in each specified case?

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**REPLY:**

(1) (a) & (b) (i) – (v)

The table below provides a breakdown of the number of members per province killed on and off duty who had their firearms taken from them, from 2010/11 to 17 September 2015:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **PROVINCE** | **2010/2011** | | **2011/2012** | | **2012/2013** | | **2013/2014** | | **2014/2015** | | **2015/2016** | |
| **ON** | **OFF** | **ON** | **OFF** | **ON** | **OFF** | **ON** | **OFF** | **ON** | **OFF** | **ON** | **OFF** |
| **Eastern Cape** | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Free State** | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Gauteng** | 3 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| **KwaZulu-Natal** | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **Limpopo** | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Mpumalanga** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **North West** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Northern Cape** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Western Cape** | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Head Office** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| **SUB TOTAL** | **10** | **4** | **10** | **4** | **10** | **13** | **6** | **7** | **10** | **4** | **4** | **3** |
| **TOTAL** | **14** | | **14** | | **23** | | **13** | | **14** | | **7** | |

(2)(a) A total of 3 firearms which were taken were used in the commission of another crime.

(2)(b) A total of 31 firearms were recovered.

It must be noted that in several instances serial numbers of firearms are removed and it is therefore not possible to determine if the specific firearm has been recovered.

(3) The status of the number of members in possession of the requisite firearm competency certificates is as follows:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **FIREARM COMPETENCY** | | |
| **FINANCIAL YEAR** | **COMPETENT** | **NOT YET COMPETENT** |
| 2010/2011 | **7** | **7** |
| 2011/2012 | **8** | **6** |
| 2012/2013 | **20** | **3** |
| 2013/2014 | **13** | **0** |
| 2014/2015 | **14** | **0** |
| **TOTAL** | **62** | **16** |