

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLYQUESTION 3844

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**3844. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

In light of the fact that the age of consent in the Republic is 16 years old, therefore it is against the law for anyone to have sex with someone who is under 16 and constitutes a statutory rape with exceptions (details furnished), and noting teenage pregnancies in the Republic with girls as young as nine years old giving birth, which is a cause for concern, in the period 2018 up to the latest specified date for which information is available, what is the total number of (a) statutory rape cases opened, (b) cases dismissed and/or acquitted as a result of poor and/or incomplete investigations by the SA Police Service, (c) cases withdrawn by the victim and/or victim's family and (d) cases still under investigation for statutory rape in each province?

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**REPLY:**

(a) The number of statutory rape cases opened, per province and per financial year, is reflected in the table below:

Province	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	Apr - Sept 2022
Eastern Cape	44	66	66	66	88
Free State	59	58	76	58	40
Gauteng	312	288	331	225	196
KwaZulu-Natal	63	67	92	133	65
Limpopo	50	42	63	52	53
Mpumalanga	17	13	5	8	7
North West	19	12	37	13	31
Northern Cape	68	76	70	89	39
Western Cape	160	174	170	172	85
<b>Total</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>604</b>

(b) The number of cases dismissed and/or acquitted, as a result of poor and/or incomplete investigations by the South African Police Service (SAPS), per province and per financial year, is reflected in the table below:

Province	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	Apr - Sept 2022
Eastern Cape	0	0	0	0	0
Free State	0	0	0	0	0
Gauteng	0	0	0	0	0
KwaZulu-Natal	0	0	0	0	0
Limpopo	0	0	0	0	0
Mpumalanga	0	0	0	0	0
North West	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Cape	0	0	0	0	0
Western Cape	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- (c) The number of cases withdrawn by the victim and/or victim's family, per province and per financial year, is reflected in the table below:

Province	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	Apr - Sept 2022
Eastern Cape	11	24	15	15	16
Free State	4	2	7	7	1
Gauteng	34	49	38	30	7
KwaZulu-Natal	32	40	35	36	14
Limpopo	9	15	11	13	18
Mpumalanga	8	2	5	3	2
North West	8	3	5	7	11
Northern Cape	10	22	6	6	2
Western Cape	35	33	28	22	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>78</b>

- (d) The number of cases still under investigation for statutory rape, per province and per financial year, is reflected in the table below:

Province	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	Apr - Sept 2022
Eastern Cape	14	20	20	27	25
Free State	2	6	3	13	23
Gauteng	26	42	54	76	74
KwaZulu-Natal	4	3	6	22	52
Limpopo	23	34	42	55	66
Mpumalanga	3	1	3	3	1
North West	4	5	9	3	13
Northern Cape	25	14	39	39	41
Western Cape	4	4	8	20	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>317</b>

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**MINISTER OF POLICE**  
**GENERAL BH CELE, MP**

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