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**3955. Mr D Bergman (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What (a) number of extra staff are being (i) trained and (ii) deployed to testing laboratories to conduct the Integrated Ballistics Identification System testing on the firearms which may be handed in during the proposed Firearm Amnesty next year in each province and (b) is the (i) name and (ii) location of each specified testing laboratory to which such staff is deployed?

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**REPLY:**

(a)(i)(ii)(b)(i)(ii) The current capacity of human resources, available at the Ballistic Section, IBIS Subsection, is sufficient to cope with the anticipated work, which is resulting from a possible Firearm Amnesty. Therefore, no extra staff will need to be trained and deployed to process the firearms, which may be handed in during the proposed Firearm Amnesty, next year. The existing four Forensic Science Laboratories, will be able to process the additional work load.