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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**Minister**

**National Council of Provinces question for written reply: Question 4025**

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**Ms Mmabatho Ramagoshi**

**DDG: PSCKM**

**Date:**

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**Ms. Jenny Schreiner**

**Director General: Department of Women**

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**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 4025**

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**4025. Ms N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: Women**

(1) Whether her department, in line with its responsibility to oversee issues affecting women, compiled any statistics of incidents of human trafficking involving women across the border with the Kingdom of Lesotho in the Smithfield district in the Free State; if so, how many incidents of the trafficking of women took place in the specified area in the (a) 2010-11, (b) 2011-12, (c) 2012-13, (d) 2013-14 and (e) 2014-15 financial years;

(2) whether her department has provided any form of assistance in the fight against human trafficking; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in terms of the assistance provided to (a) the SA Police Service and (b) women who are victims of human trafficking in the specified area in this regard? NW4893E

**Reply**

The Prevention and Combating of Trafficking in Persons Act 7 of 2013 (TIP Act), comprehensively and holistically addresses the scourge of trafficking in persons. It came into operation on the 9th August 2015.

The TIP Act allocates the responsibility to compile data on incidents of human trafficking involving women to the following Departments:

* Justice and Constitutional Development
* South African Police Services
* Social Development
* Health

I would recommend to the Honourable Ms. Marchesi to redirect her questions to the relevant departments for further information.

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**Approved by the Minister on**

**Date………………………..**