

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 4575**

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**4575. Mr H A Shembeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Following the discovery of theft of firearms from the Norwood Police Station, (a) which operations have been conducted nationally to inspect police stations and (b) what were the findings?

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**REPLY:**

- (a) Following the discovery of theft of firearms from Norwood police station, the Management of the South African Police Service (SAPS) implemented the phase one of the SAPS 13 stores audit, in Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and the Western Cape, as these are the provinces with the highest number of firearms in SAPS 13 stores. The sourcing and collation of related information, commenced on 15 March 2022 and were conducted by designated teams, per province, that were briefed on all deliverables, as outlined in the implementation plan.

A total number of 253 police stations, with a total number of 107 859 firearms in the SAPS 13 stores, were audited from 1 April 2022 until 31 July 2022, in the abovementioned three provinces.


Phase two of the SAPS 13 stores audit commenced on 5 September 2022, in the Eastern Cape, after a risk analysis and categorisation had been conducted, following the execution of phase one of the process. A total number of 39 police stations, which were storing 6 587 firearms in SAPS 13 stores, were audited.

During the entire audit process, which extended from 1 April 2022 until 30 September 2022, a total number of 292 police stations, storing a total number of 114 446 firearms, were audited.

Not all of the police stations in KwaZulu-Natal, Western Cape and Eastern Cape were audited, during the first and second phases. Planning is underway to commence with the rest of the police stations and provinces in the 2023/2024 financial year, as they do not currently contribute to the station risk categorisation, as they have minimal firearms in storage.


- (b) The audit, as scheduled in the four provinces, was completed and all firearms were accounted for. The audit revealed no new cases of lost or stolen firearms out of SAPS 13 storage, hence, no new criminal cases or disciplinary matters have been initiated against any members. Findings, in respect of administrative non-compliance were addressed on site and reported to the relevant provincial commissioners.

Reply to question 4575 recommended/~~not recommended~~

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