

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLYQUESTION 4699DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 2 DECEMBER 2022
(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 51-2022)**4699. Ms Z Majazi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Considering that the crime statistics from 1 July to 30 September 2022, which indicate that murders, rapes and kidnappings had all increased, show that each day in the specified period on average 115 persons were raped and by the end of September 2022 a total of 10 590 rape cases were reported nationally, compared with 9 556 last year which is an increase of 10,8%, how far along is the SA Police Service in clearing the DNA backlog considering that the Ministry has revised its deadline for clearing the backlog from the end of October this year to the end of January next year?

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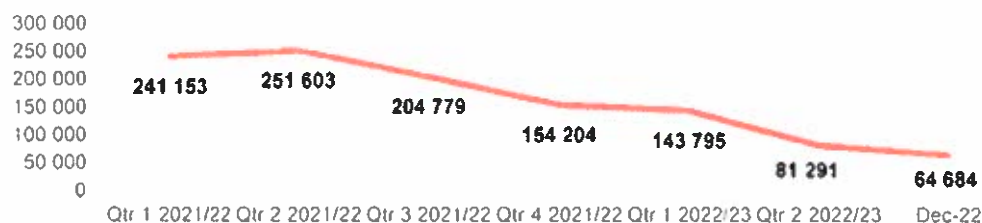
REPLY:

The total number of registered Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) case exhibits [entries] from 1 July 2022 to 30 September 2022, and those that have been finalised, is reflected, per month, in the table below:

| | July 2022 | August 2022 | September 2022 | Total |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Registered | 26 386 | 33 197 | 29 176 | 88 759 |
| Finalised | 56 159 | 70 915 | 34 907 | 161 981 |
| Percentage (%) | 212.84% | 213.62% | 119.64% | 182.50% |

The significant increases in the finalisation rate, indicate that the South African Police Service's Forensic Science Laboratory is addressing the new cases that are submitted for analysis, in addition to decreasing the backlog of cases on hand (a finalisation rate that exceeds 100% indicates that the backlog is being addressed, in addition to new cases that are submitted).

The status of the DNA Backlog, from quarter 1 of 2021/22 to date, is reflected below:



The current backlog status, as at 12 December 2022, is 64 684.

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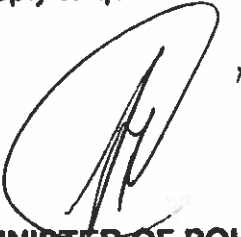


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**MINISTER OF POLICE
GENERAL BH CELE, MP**

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