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Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) What is the current backlog of applications for firearms (a) licences and (b) competency certificates;
(2) what is the number of such applications that are outstanding for longer than (a) two, (b) three, (c) four, and (d) five years?

**Reply**

1(a)(b) According to the enhanced Firearm Registration Syste, (EFRS) and the internal administrative processes of the Central Firearms Register (CFR), all firearms licence applications that outstanding for more than 120 working days, are regarded as a backlog. The number of outstanding applications for firearm licences and competency certificates, as at 2022-11-30, are reflected in the table below:

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| **Category** | **Number of outstanding applications that are more than120 working days** |
| Firearm licence applications – 557 Amnesty applications – 17 768 | 1. 18 325
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| Competency certificate applications | 1. 14 473
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(2)(a)(b)(c)(d) The information is reflected in the table below:

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| **Category**  | **Total number of applications outstanding**  |
| (a)2 years | (b)3 years | (c) 4 years | (d) 5years |
| Firearm licence applications | 90 | 10 | 7 | 33 |
| Amnesty applications | 7378 | 96 | 0 | 0 |
| Competency certificate applications | 2682 | 608 | 295 | 16 |