**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 668**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 30 AUGUST 2019**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 6 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Ms N K Sharif (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

What total number of criminal (a) prosecutions and (b) convictions were dealt with in the (i) magistrates, (ii) district and (iii) high courts in each of the past five financial years?

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**REPLY:**

**The number of prosecutions finalised including ADRM is displayed in the table below:**

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| **Financial Years** | **2014/15** | **2015/16** | **2016/17** | **2017/18** | **2018/19** |
| **Number of cases (prosecutions) finalised including ADRM** |
| National | 503 463 | 477 802 | 505 376 | 494 815 | 425 778 |
| District Courts | 465 834 | 442 371 | 470 055 | 460 598 | 394 335 |
| Regional Courts | 36 651 | 34 419 | 34 257 | 33 246 | 30 477 |
| High Courts | 978 | 1 012 | 1 064 | 971 | 966 |
| **Number of cases (prosecutions) finalised with a verdict (convictions and acquittals)** |
| National | 319 149 | 310 850 | 341 360 | 335 161 | 276 309 |
| District Courts | 284 741 | 278 006 | 308 688 | 303 353 | 247 342 |
| Regional Courts | 33 430 | 31 832 | 31 608 | 30 837 | 28 001 |
| High Courts | 978 | 1 012 | 1 064 | 971 | 966 |
| **Number of Convictions** |
| National | 294 608 | 289 245 | 321 190 | 317 475 | 260 456 |
| District Courts | 268 127 | 263 377 | 295 013 | 291 609 | 236 705 |
| Regional Courts | 25 591 | 24 958 | 25 209 | 24 976 | 22 882 |
| High Courts | 890 | 910 | 968 | 890 | 869 |