# FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION 70

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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**70. Ms Z Majozi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Police:**

1. What number of (a) rape kits have been procured and (b) police stations have been equipped with the necessary equipment to assist with cases of gender- based violence;
2. what challenges has his department experienced in terms of procurement, in light of the surge in the number of cases reported since the period of the lockdown to curb the spread of COVID-19?

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**REPLY:**

Introduction

The term ”rape kits” is used in the public dOmafn, to refer *ta* the collection kits, which are used to collect evidence from victims of sexual assault and rape. However, the South African Police Service (SAPS), makes use of 1d different types of crime kits to collect various samples at crime scenes. These include the two types of evidence collection kits, namely; the Adult Sexual Assault Collection Kit (D1) and the Paediatric Sexual Assault Collection Kit (D7), which are used to collect evidence from victims of sexual assault and rape. The deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) Reference Buccal Sample Kits (DB), are used to take buccal samples from persons, who are arrested and charged, for schedule eight offences (this includes serial murderers and serial rapists), as required by the DNA Act.

(1)(a) The table below reflects the rape kits that have been procured for the 2020/2021 financial year, up to 12 February 2021.

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| Order date **Item description** | **Quantity**ordered |
| 2020-05-13 D1: Kit, Collection, Adult, Sexual Assault2020-05-13 D7: Kit, Collection, Paediatric, Sexual Assault | 39 829 |
| 17 323 |

(1)(b) A total number of 1 155 police stations have been provided with the necessary equipment to assist with cases of gender-based violence. The collection kits are distributed, from the Division: Supply Chain Management (SCM), to the Provincial SCM, who then distribute the collection kits to police stations, in accordance with their requirements, as informed by the prevailing crime statistics. All provinces are required to confirm the availability of collection kits to the Divisional Commissioner: SCM, on a weekly basis and replenishment is done, as requested.

(2) The contract number 19/1/9/1/140TD(18), is in place for a period of three years. There is currently a delay in the delivery of the D7 Kits, because the supplier is waiting for the laboratory test results, before the evidence kits can be provided to the SAPS.

Response to question 70 recommended

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Reply to question 70 approved

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