

Province	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019
North West	28	28	25	41	32	18
Northern Cape	8	14	9	8	8	6
Western Cape	63	52	38	38	68	39
<b>Total</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>505</b>

(1)(b) The information, regarding the number of rounds of ammunition, which have been reported as losses from the SAPS, is reflected in the table below:

Province	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019
Head Office	35 022	156 402	18 278	62 292	4 939	2 467
Eastern Cape	1 276 248	32 423	10 285	3 231 406	160 192	1 432
Free State	38 204	9 686	26 194	164 880	7 749	20 736
Gauteng	336 501	214 709	26 572	81 336	55 454	18 493
KwaZulu-Natal	36 535	22 352	58 214	175 265	125 453	52 413
Limpopo	1 128	1 052	1 040	950	2 005	1 761
Mpumalanga	56 174	7 834	16 487	120 567	1 255	17 651
North West	16 042	2 247 126	30 414	3 686	50 191	433 908
Northern Cape	536	855	6 501	359	157	68
Western Cape	49 669	13 993	2 314	1 819	6 065	1 687
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 846 059</b>	<b>2 706 432</b>	<b>196 299</b>	<b>3 842 560</b>	<b>413 460</b>	<b>550 616</b>

The reason for the high number of losses, recorded in the Eastern Cape and North West provinces respectively, is due to poor accounting and the non-submission of SAPS 39 forms, after the maintenance shooting took place. Control measures have been put in place and implemented, to ensure accountability and that all SAPS 39 forms are completed and submitted, so that the ammunition is written off and the appropriate balance adjustments made.

(2)(a) A total of 41 stolen and missing firearms were linked to crimes, in the 2018/2019 financial year.

(2)(b) The information, regarding the number of firearms, recovered, per financial year, is reflected in the table below:

Financial Year	Total Loss	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	Total Recoveries
2013/2014	775	245	-	-	-	-	-	245
2014/2015	751	-	234	-	-	-	-	234
2015/2016	776	-	-	190	-	-	-	190
2016/2017	765	-	-	-	172	-	-	172
2017/2018	785	-	-	-	-	148	-	148
2018/2019	505	-	-	-	-	-	43	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 357</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1 032</b>

The information, regarding the number of rounds of ammunition recovered, per financial year, is reflected in the table below:

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2014/2015	2 706 432	-	34 195	-	-	-	-	34 195
2015/2016	3 573 670	-	-	22 312	-	-	-	22 312
2016/2017	3 842 560	-	-	-	470 467	-	-	470 467
2017/2018	413 460	-	-	-	-	11 659	-	11 659
2018/2019	550 616	-	-	-	-	-	39 343	39 343

- (2)(c) A total of 49 persons were successfully prosecuted for the theft of SAPS firearms and ammunition, in the 2018/2019 financial year.
- (3) Yes, a total of 26 SAPS officials were prosecuted for negligence or theft of firearms and ammunition, in the 2018/2019 financial year.
- (4) The following measures were put in place to combat the theft and loss of SAPS firearms and ammunition:
- The marking of all SAPS firearms by means of the dot peen (bar coding).
  - The marking of all SAPS firearms with the unique SAPS emblem.
  - The Integrated Ballistic Information System (IBIS) test-firing of all SAPS firearms, to ensure that there are profiles for all SAPS firearms.
  - The biannual inspection and certification of all SAPS firearms.

- The annual stocktaking of all SAPS firearms, as prescribed by the SAPS Standing Orders.
- The conducting of audits by Internal Audit and inspections in divisions and provinces, with the emphasis on firearm management.
- The purchase and issuing of safes to SAPS members for the safe keeping of all SAPS firearms.
- The purchase, issuing and use of pistol retention cords.
- The booking in and out of SAPS firearms in the SAPS 457 (Firearm Register), as well as the SAPS 10 (Occurrence Book).
- The provisioning of firearm training, to ensure competency in the use of SAPS firearms.
- During annual shooting practices, emphasis is placed on the handling and safeguarding of SAPS firearms, as well as ensuring that members comply with the prescribed competency criteria.
- Parade inspections on a daily basis by commanders, on the SAPS 15 (Duty Sheet) and ensure the verification of the quantities of ammunition issued.
- The SAPS cartridges (ammunition) are uniquely marked with a letter "P" for Police.
- If any member of the SAPS is involved in criminal activities, involving a SAPS firearm, both criminal and departmental disciplinary actions are taken against such a member.
- All SAPS firearms and ammunition that are not under the direct and physical control of a member are stored in a safe or strongroom that conforms to the prescripts of the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) standard 953-1 and 953-2, as prescribed by the SAPS Regulations. Inspections are conducted of all firearms stored at all police stations.
- Every member who has a firearm on his/her personal inventory (SAPS 108) is issued with an official safe for the safekeeping of the SAPS firearm. The possession of a prescribed safe is a prerequisite to the issuing of a SAPS firearm, on personal inventory.
- All SAPS firearms and ammunition on the room inventory of a safe or strongroom or issued to a member on his/her personal inventory, are

inspected twice a year and certified on the Provisioning Administration System (PAS). A stocktaking certificate must be completed by the inventory controller.

- Designated Supply Chain Management (SCM) armourers, annually inspect all SAPS firearms on the room inventories of safes and strongrooms, including those firearms issued to members on their personal inventories.

(5) The Minister of Police will decide whether he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply to question 102 recommended/~~not recommended~~



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