

MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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**REPLY RECOMMENDED BY:
MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: MP**

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Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

- (1) What total number of (a) firearms and (b) ammunition of each (i) type and (ii) calibre were (aa) stolen and (bb) lost and/or went missing at each military unit in each province (aaa) in the past four financial years and (bbb) from 1 April 2023 up to the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) What steps has her department taken to combat the theft and loss of the firearms and ammunition;
- (3) Whether any persons were (a) arrested and/or found guilty in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what total number of (i) persons were arrested and/or found guilty and (ii) the specified persons were members of the SA National Defence Force?

REPLY:

(1)(a)(b)(i)(ii)(aa)(bb)(aaa)(bbb) (3)(a)(i)(ii) – **See table attached**

2.) Crime Risk Surveys have been conducted at Military Units since April 2018 on a continuous basis. The aim of these Crime Risk Surveys were to identify weaknesses in the current security measures at the various Military Police structures and advise the Regional and Area Provost Marshals as well as the Detachment Commanders on measures to be implemented in order to improve the security of assets on the premises.

The following general preventative measures are issued to MP structures:

Short Term Preventative Measures.

- i. Units/Area Offices/Detachments to repair damaged perimeter fences.
- ii. The immediate removal of vegetation along the perimeter.
- iii. Increase roving patrols along sections of damaged perimeter fences.
- iv. Repair damaged perimeter security lighting and security lights within MP structures.
- v. Implement security awareness programmes.

Medium Term Preventative Measures.

- i. Install perimeter security lighting and security lights within MP structures.
- ii. Install alarm systems within identified areas.
- iii. Negotiate with ASBs etc. to provide roving guards in order to perform patrols around MP Structures.

Long Term Preventative Measures.

- i. Erect security perimeter fences around MP structures.
- ii. Erect vehicle and pedestrian gates within the perimeter.



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FY 2019/20

Total F/Arms Stolen	Total Ammo stolen	Type	Calibre	Total F/Arms Lost	Total Ammo Lost	Type	Calibre	Unit	Total Arrested	Total Found Guilty/SANDF
A	B	B	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
0	0	0	0	1	0	Pistol Beretta	9mm	Naval Base Simonstown	0	None / Case withdrawn by Court of Mil Judge
0				1	0	Pistol Z88	9mm	1Tac Int Regt	0	None / Pistol Found in Unit
	3000	R4	5.56mm					Area Mil Health Unit NW	0	None/ <i>Nolle Prosequere</i> by Court of Mil Judge
21		1x Beretta Pistol	2 x 9mm	1		Beretta Z88	9mm	43 Bde MHBD,		Case remanded to 11-15 March 2024 Court of Mil Judge
		1x Z88 Pistol								
		18 x R4 Rifles	5.56mm					Army Engineering FMN NCG	12/SANDF	

FY 2020/21

Total F/Arms Stolen	Total Ammo stolen	Type	Calibre	Total F/Arms Lost	Total Ammo Lost	Type	Calibre	Unit	Total Arrested	Total Found Guilty/SANDF
A	B	B	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
0	0			1		Pistol PX4	9mm	MP Div	1/SANDF	1/SANDF
					10	PX4	9mm	MP Div	1/SANDF	1/SANDF
2	0	Pistol Z88	9mm	0	0			MP Div 1SSB	1/SANDF	1/SANDF
9		1x R4 8 x R1 Rifles	5.56mm, 7.62mm	0	0			21 SAI BN DOD LOG SUPP FMN	0	None /Under investigation
	40	R4 Rifle	5.56mm					Tshwane Regt	1/SANDF	None / Docket at Court of Mil Judge

FY 2021/22

Total F/Arms Stolen	Total Ammo stolen	Type	Calibre	Total F/Arms Lost	Total Ammo Lost	Type	Calibre	Unit	Total Arrested	Total Found Guilty/SANDF
A	B	B	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
0	2750	9mmPistol	9mm	0	0			SAS Saldanha	1/SANDF	1/SANDF
0	0			1	0	R4 Rifle	5.56mm	14 SAI BN	1/SANDF	None / Case at Court of Mil Judge for Trial
2	0	Pistols Star	9mm	0	0			DBN MP	1/SANDF	None / Case at Court of Mil Judge for Trial
0	0			1		Pistol Z88	9mm	5 Spec Force	0	None / Under Investigations
	0				15	Pistol Z88	9mm	5 Spec Force	0	None / Under Investigations

FY 2022/23

Total F/Arms Stolen	Total Ammo stolen	Type	Calibre	Total F/Arms Lost	Total Ammo Lost	Type	Calibre	Unit	Total Arrested	Total Found Guilty/SANDF
A	B	B	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
0	0	0	0	2		Pistol Baretta	9mm	DHQ Naval Base S/Town	0	None / 1x Under Investigation 1x Withdrawn by Court of Mil Judge
					15	Pistol Baretta	9mm	DHQ	0	None / Under Investigation
					900	Rifle R4	5.56mm	SAN S/Town	0	None / Under Investigation
1	0	Rifle R4	5.56mm	0	0			4Art	1/SANDF	1/SANDF
2	0			0	0	Pistols Z88	9mm	AFB Makhado	0	None / Under Investigation

FY 2023/24 Up to 12 December 2023

Total F/Arms Stolen	Total Ammo stolen	Type	Calibre	Total F/Arms Lost	Total Ammo Lost	Type	Calibre	Unit	Total Arrested	Total Found Guilty/SANDF
A	B	B	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	0	Pistol Z88	9mm	1	0	Rifle R4	5.56mm	2 Mil Hosp 9 SAI BN	0	None / Under Investigation
1	0	Pistol Z88	9mm	0	0			Central MP Region	0	None / Under Investigation
1	0	Rifle 303	7.7mm	1	0	Rifle R4	5.56mm	DOD LOG SUPP FMN 13 PRO Coy	0	None / Under Investigation
0	0			1	0	Rifle R4	5.56mm	ASB Polokwane	0	None / Under Investigation