

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION 2492

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2492. Mr W W Wessels (FF Plus) to ask the Acting Minister of Police:

- (1) What total number of persons (a) in each of the past four financial years and (b) from 1 April 2026 up to the latest specified date for which information is available, has been murdered by (i) a legal firearm used by a licensed firearm owner and/or (ii) using an unlicensed firearm;
- (2) what total number of persons (a) in each specified financial year and (b) from 1 April 2026 up to the latest specified date for which information is available, has been murdered by using an unlicensed firearm which used to be in the possession of the (i) SA Police Service, (ii) SA National Defence Force and (iii) metro police?

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REPLY:

- (1) (a) (i) A total of 120 persons was murdered by a legal firearm used by a licenced firearm owner during the 2022/2023 financial year. 90 were murdered during the 2023/2024 financial year, 108 during the 2024/2025 financial year and 75 during the 2025/2026 financial year.
- (1) (a) (ii) A total of 10 613 persons was murdered using an unlicenced firearm during the 2022/2023 financial year. 10 911 were murdered during the 2023/2024 financial year, 10 450 during the 2024/2025 financial year and 9 323 during the 2025/2026 financial year.
- (1) (b) (i) A total of 12 persons was murdered by a legal firearm used by a licenced firearm owner from 1 April 2026 until 30 April 2026.
- (1) (b) (ii) A total of 708 persons was murdered using an unlicenced firearm from 1 April 2026 until 30 April 2026.
- (2) (a) (i) 38 persons was murdered by using an unlicenced firearm which used to be in the possession of the SA Police Service during the 2022/2023 financial year. 40 were murdered during the 2023/2024 financial year, 24 during the 2024/2025 financial year and 40 during the 2025/2026 financial year.
- (2) (a) (ii) 2 persons was murdered by using an unlicenced firearm which used to be in the possession of the SA National Defence Force during the 2022/2023 financial year. 7 were murdered during the 2023/2024 financial year, 1

during the 2024/2025 financial year and 4 during the 2025/2026 financial year.

- (2) (a) (iii) 1 person was murdered by using an unlicensed firearm which used to be in the possession of the Metro Police during the 2022/2023 financial year. 3 were murdered during the 2023/2024 financial year, 4 during the 2024/2025 financial year and 2 during the 2025/2026 financial year.
- (2) (b) (i) 9 persons was murdered by using an unlicensed firearm which used to be in the possession of the SA Police Service from 1 April 2026 until 30 April 2026.
- (2) (b) (ii) 3 persons was murdered by using an unlicensed firearm which used to be in the possession of the SA National Defence Force from 1 April 2026 until 30 April 2026.
- (2) (b) (iii) 0 persons was murdered by using an unlicensed firearm which used to be in the possession of the Metro Police from 1 April 2026 until 30 April 2026.