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2704. Mr M Bagraim (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

What number of (a) SA Police Service officers in each province currently do not have firearm (i) licenses and/or (ii) competency certificates and (b) the specified officers still carry firearms?

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REPLY:

(a)(i) The South African Police Service (SAPS) does not issue firearm licences to police officials, but issues firearm permits instead. The firearm permit will be issued, subject to the provision that a police official proves that he/she, possesses a competency declaration. This is a declaration stating that a police official is a fit and proper person to possess a firearm and that the police official successfully completed training, in the safe handling of a firearm.

(a)(ii) and (b)

Provinces	(ii) Number of Officers who do not have competency certificates	(b) Number of officers who are not yet competent, but still carrying firearms
Eastern Cape	1 273	264
Free State	894	334
Gauteng	3 481	940
KwaZulu-Natal	1 107	125
Limpopo	1 009	543
Mpumalanga	1 117	664
North West	975	308
Northern Cape	565	170
Western Cape	913	125
Total	11 334	3 473