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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

WRITTEN REPLY

No. 175/2021 Ms S Hoosen (DA) to ask the MEC for Community Safety and Liaison:

1. Is there a current backlog in DNA sample testing cases in the Province:

Response:

Currently there are 8388 cases that need evidence recovery and of that the positive cases will be sent to the Biology Section in Pretoria for DNA analysis.

2. If so, please indicate the time periods of the delays:

Response:

The 8388 cases not yet analyzed at FSL KZN are cases received from February 2020 to May 2021.

3. What is the normal turnaround time for results:

Response:

Thirty-five 35 calendar days

4. How many cases related to rape are awaiting results; (Please indicate the time periods of the delays)

Response:

Approximately 5400 cases are sexual assault cases from February 2020

5. What is the current waiting time per case:

Response:

Cases from February 2020 are awaiting Evidence Recovery Analysis

6. Has there been any engagement with partnerships with private laboratories to address the backlog;

Response:

Division: Forensic Services to respond

7. If not, why not

Response:

Not Applicable

8. What are the reasons for the current backlog;

Response:

Lack of capital resources (laboratory consumables, PPEs, calibration and service maintenance of Equipment, stationery and toners)

9. What interventions are being made to reduce the backlog;

Response: Lack of capital resources (laboratory consumables, PPEs, calibration and service maintenance of Equipment, stationery and toners).

10. Is the Forensic Service Department adequately resourced;

Response:

Capital Resources - No

Human Resources - Yes for the necessary competencies required for analytical work.

11. Regarding staff resources, please indicate current vacancies skills and training capacity as well as any gaps in skilled staff and what is being done to address the gaps;

Response:

Currently there is a need for 12 administrative officers and 4 Supervisors, 3 Captains and 1 Lt. Colonel). There are no gaps in skilled staff.

12. Is all specialized machinery operational; and

Response:

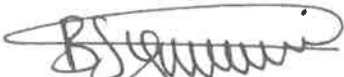
No

13. If not, how many are not functional?

Response:

All equipment listed below are awaiting servicing and calibration.

Bio Cabinets	:	03
Drying Cabinets	:	05
Analytical Balances	:	02
Pipettes	:	09
Water Purification System	:	01
Polylight	:	01
Fume Boots	:	03



MR B S GUMBI
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

DATE: 31/05/2021



MS N P NKONYENI
ACTING MEC: TRANSPORT COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LIAISON

DATE: 31/05/2021



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QUESTION 175; (INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 175/2021) Ms S Hoosen (DA) to ask the MEC for Transport, Community Safety Liaison

A. CERTIFICATE BY MEMBER WHO COORDINATED INFORMATION

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Proof of this information has been printed and is filed (where)? AT REGISTRY

SIGNATURE:  **DATE:** 2021 / 05 / 28

B. CERTIFICATE BY COMMANDER WHO VERIFIED INFORMATION

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I hereby certify that I have personally perused the reply against the source information and found it to be in order. I further certify that the sources used to obtain the information are the most reliable sources available to reflect the actual situation.

SIGNATURE:  **DATE:** 2021 / 05 / 28

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION BY PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER/HEAD

ATTENTION: The Provincial Commissioner: KwaZulu-Natal

BUSINESS UNIT NAME: PC: KwaZulu-Natal
(State the title of the PC eg PC: (Province)/Head

FROM: Lieutenant General NS Mkhwanazi
(Rank, Initials and Surname)

This certificate serve to confirm that I have personally perused the information as forwarded to your office in reply to Question in Parliament 175/2021 and found it to be in order.

**QUESTION 175/2021; MS S HOOSEN (DA) TO ASK THE MEC FOR TRANSPORT:
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LIAISON**

Other comments (if needed):

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Verwysing Reference:	36/1/4/1(2021)
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**THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER
KWAZULU- NATAL****Parliamentary Liaison: Strategic Management
South African Police Service
PRETORIA****QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT: NUMBER 175/2021: MS S HOOSEN (DA) TO ASK
THE MEC FOR TRANSPORT, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LIAISON :
REGARDING FORENSIC SERVICES IN KWAZULU-NATAL**

1. Head office email with reference number 36/1/4/1(2021) dated 201-05-18 has bearing on this matter.
2. Kindly receive attached written reply in respect of the above cited subject.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mkhwanazi', written over a horizontal line.

**PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER: KWAZULU-NATAL
NS MKHWANAZI**

LIEUTENANT GENERAL**PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER: KWAZULU-NATAL
NS MKHWANAZI**

Date: 2021-05-28

WRITTEN REPLY

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Regarding Forensic Services in KwaZulu-Natal:

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Currently there are 8388 cases that need Evidence Recovery and of that the positive cases will be sent to the Biology Section In Pretoria for DNA Analysis.
2. **If so, please indicate the time periods of the delays;**
The 8388 cases not yet analyzed at FSL KZN are cases received from February 2020 to May 2021.
3. **What is the normal turnaround time for results;**
Thirty five (35) calendar days.
4. **How many cases related to rape are awaiting results; [Please indicate the time periods of the delays]**
Approximately 5400 cases are sexual assault cases from February 2020.
5. **What is the current waiting time per case;**
Cases from February 2020 are awaiting Evidence Recovery Analysis.
6. **Has there been any engagement with partnerships with private laboratories to address the backlog;**
Division: Forensic Services to respond.
7. **If not, why not;**
Not Applicable
8. **What are the reasons for the current backlog;**
Lack of capital resources (laboratory consumables, PPEs, calibration and service maintenance of Equipment, stationery and toners)
9. **What interventions are being made to reduce the backlog;**
Currently there is a special project initiated to address the DNA Backlog Nationally.
10. **Is the Forensic Service Department adequately resourced;**
Capital Resources – No
Human Resources – Yes for the necessary competencies required for analytical work.
11. **Regarding staff resources, please indicate current vacancies, skills and training capacity as well as any gaps in skilled staff and what is being done to address the gaps;**

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