

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY**QUESTION 109****DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 10 FEBRUARY 2022**
(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 1-2022)**109. Mr A G Whitfield (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What (a) number of (i) firearms and (ii) ammunition from the SA Police Service has been (aa) stolen and (bb) recovered (aaa) in each of the past 10 financial years and (bbb) since 1 April 2019 and (b) are the relevant details, including the caliber of firearm and ammunition in each specified case?

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REPLY:**(a)(i)(ii)(aa)(bb)(aaa)**

The following number of firearms and ammunition from the South African Police Service (SAPS) has been reported as lost/stolen and recovered, in each of the past 10 financial years:

(aaa) Last 10 Financial Years	(i) Firearms		(ii) Ammunition	
	(aa) Lost/Stolen	(bb) Recovered	(aa) Lost/Stolen	(bb) Recovered
2011/2012	893	284	970 599	265 156
2012/2013	840	503	662 176	237 465
2013/2014	775	732	1 854 231	260 419
2014/2015	751	254	2 740 522	224 692
2015/2016	777	429	191 512	257 827
2016/2017	765	701	3 428 855	252 062
2017/2018	786	682	362 156	236 391
2018/2019	508	750	542 670	275 434
2019/2020	672	459	35276	474 183
2020/2021	566	376	20558	188 849

During 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 the SAPS initiated a project to clear all SAPS 13 Stores. The inflated recovery figure (compared with reported figures in the SAPS Annual Performance Plan), is as a result of firearms recovered in previous years that were not circulated when recovered.)

(bbb) The following number of firearms and ammunition has been reported as lost/stolen and recovered, since 1 April 2019.

(bbb) Since 1 April 2019	(i) Firearms		(ii) Ammunition	
	(aa) Lost/Stolen	(bb) Recovered	(aa) Lost/Stolen	(bb) Recovered
Total	563	459	77490	259 095

Total number of ammunition recovered includes SAPS and civilian ammunition, as it is not serial number controlled.

(b) The details regarding the lost firearms, for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 January 2021, is attached as annexure A. The details, regarding the recovered firearms, is reflected in the tables below:

CALIBRE DESCRIPTION FOR 2010/2011		
FIREARM TYPE	CALIBRE DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
PISTOL	7.65MM (.32ACP)	2
	9MM PAR (9X19MM)	305
TOTAL		307
REVOLVER	.38 SPECIAL	1
TOTAL		1
RIFLE	5.56 MM - R4 RIFLE	1
	5.56 MM RIFLE	9
	7.65 MM RIFLE	2
TOTAL		12
SHOTGUN	12 GA	8
TOTAL		8
GRAND TOTAL		328

CALIBRE DESCRIPTION FOR 2011/2012		
FIREARM TYPE	CALIBRE DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
PISTOL	7.65MM (.32ACP)	4
	9MM PAR (9X19MM)	262
	9MM SHORT	2
TOTAL		268
REVOLVER	.38 S&W	1
TOTAL		1
RIFLE	5.56 MM - R4 RIFLE	1
	5.56 MM RIFLE	8
	7.62X51MM	2
	7.65 MM RIFLE	1
TOTAL		12
SHOTGUN	12 GA	3
TOTAL		3
GRAND TOTAL		284

CALIBRE DESCRIPTION FOR 2012/2013		
FIREARM TYPE	CALIBRE DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
PISTOL	7.65MM (.32ACP)	11
	9MM PAR (9X19MM)	425
	9MM SHORT	5
TOTAL		441
RIFLE	.22 SHORT/LONG/LR	1
	5.56 MM RIFLE	50
	7.62X51MM	2
TOTAL		53
S/L: RIFLE CAL - RIFLE/CARBINE	5.56X45MM	1
TOTAL		1
SHOTGUN	12 GA	8
TOTAL		8
GRAND TOTAL		603

CALIBRE DESCRIPTION FOR 2013/2014		
FIREARM TYPE	CALIBRE DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
PISTOL	.40 S&W	1
	6.35MM BROWNING	1
	7.65MM (.32ACP)	10
	9MM PAR (9X19MM)	598
	9MM SHORT	9
TOTAL		619
REVOLVER	.357 MAG	1
	.38 S&W	4
	.38 SPECIAL	1
TOTAL		6
RIFLE	.303 BRITISH	1
	5.56 MM - R4 RIFLE	1
	5.56 MM RIFLE	68
	7.62X51MM	10
	7.65 MM RIFLE	4
	9.65 MM RIFLE	3
TOTAL		87
S/L: PIST CAL - RIFLE/CARB	9MM PAR (9X19MM)	1
TOTAL		1
S/L: RIFLE CAL - RIFLE/CARBINE	7.62X51MM	3
TOTAL		3
SHOTGUN	12 GA	16
TOTAL		16
GRAND TOTAL		732

CALIBRE DESCRIPTION FOR 2014/2015		
FIREARM TYPE	CALIBRE DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
PISTOL	7.65MM (.32ACP)	1
	9MM PAR (9X19MM)	243
TOTAL		244
RIFLE	.223 RIFLE	1
	5.56 MM RIFLE	4
	5.56X10.4R	1
TOTAL		6
S/L: RIFLE CAL - RIFLE/CARBINE	7.62X51MM	1
TOTAL		1
SHOTGUN	12 GA	3
TOTAL		3
GRAND TOTAL		254

CALIBRE DESCRIPTION FOR 2015/2016		
FIREARM TYPE	CALIBRE DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
PISTOL	7.65MM (.32ACP)	2
	9MM PAR (9X19MM)	406
	9MM SHORT	1
TOTAL		409
RIFLE	5.56 MM RIFLE	11
	5.56X45MM	1
	7.62X51MM	3
TOTAL		15
S/L: RIFLE CAL - RIFLE/CARBINE	7.62X51MM	1
TOTAL		1
SHOTGUN	12 GA	4
TOTAL		4
GRAND TOTAL		429

CALIBRE DESCRIPTION FOR 2016/2017		
FIREARM TYPE	CALIBRE DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
PISTOL	6.35MM BROWNING	1
	7.65MM (.32ACP)	2
	9MM PAR (9X19MM)	664
TOTAL		667
RIFLE	5.56 MM - R4 RIFLE	1
	5.56 MM RIFLE	24
	7.62X51MM	2
TOTAL		27
S/L: PIST CAL - RIFLE/CARB	9MM PAR (9X19MM)	1
TOTAL		1
S/L: RIFLE CAL - RIFLE/CARBINE	7.62X51MM	2
TOTAL		2
SHOTGUN	12 GA	4
TOTAL		4
GRAND TOTAL		701

CALIBRE DESCRIPTION FOR 2017/2018		
FIREARM TYPE	CALIBRE DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
FULL-AUTO:RIFLE CAL-RIFLE/CARB	5.56X45MM	2
TOTAL		2
PISTOL	7.65MM (.32ACP)	1
	9MM PAR (9X19MM)	652
	9MM SHORT	2
TOTAL		655
RIFLE	.303 BRITISH	1
	5.56 MM RIFLE	8
	7.62X51MM	2
TOTAL		11
S/L: PIST CAL - RIFLE/CARB	9MM PAR (9X19MM)	2
TOTAL		2
S/L: RIFLE CAL - RIFLE/CARBINE	5.56X45MM	4
	7.62X51MM	1
TOTAL		5
SHOTGUN	12 GA	7
TOTAL		7
GRAND TOTAL		682

CALIBRE DESCRIPTION FOR 2018/2019		
FIREARM TYPE	CALIBRE DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
FULL-AUTO:RIFLE CAL-RIFLE/CARB	5.56X45MM	4
TOTAL		4
PISTOL	7.65MM (.32ACP)	3
	9MM PAR (9X19MM)	727
	9MM SHORT	1
TOTAL		731
RIFLE	.303 BRITISH	1
	5.56 MM RIFLE	2
	5.56X45MM	4
TOTAL		7
S/L: PIST CAL - RIFLE/CARB	9MM PAR (9X19MM)	2
TOTAL		2
S/L: RIFLE CAL - RIFLE/CARBINE	7.62X51MM	1
TOTAL		1

CALIBRE DESCRIPTION FOR 2018/2019		
FIREARM TYPE	CALIBRE DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
SHOTGUN	12 GA	5
TOTAL		5
GRAND TOTAL		750

FIREARM TYPES AND CALIBRE: 2019/2020		
FIREARM TYPE	CALIBRE DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
PISTOL	7.65MM (.32ACP)	1
	9MM PAR (9X19MM)	430
TOTAL		431
RIFLE	5.56 MM RIFLE	6
	7.62X51MM	1
TOTAL		7
S/L: RIFLE CAL - RIFLE/CARBINE	7.62X51MM	1
TOTAL		1
SHOTGUN	12 GA	20
TOTAL		20
GRAND TOTAL		459

FIREARM TYPES AND CALIBRE: 2020/2021		
FIREARM TYPE	CALIBRE DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
PISTOL	7.65MM	2
	9MM PAR (9X19MM)	358
TOTAL		360
RIFLE	5.56 MM RIFLE	1
TOTAL		1
S/L: RIFLE CAL - RIFLE/CARBINE	5.56X45MM	3
	7.62X51MM	1
TOTAL		4
SHOTGUN	12 GA	11
TOTAL		11
GRAND TOTAL		376

The details regarding the lost ammunition, from 1 April 2019 to 31 January 2021, is attached as annexure B. The total number of rounds of ammunition recovered, includes SAPS and civilian ammunition, as it is not serial number controlled and only captured as ammunition, on the Operational Planning and Monitoring (OPAM) System.

Reply to question 109 recommended/~~not recommended~~



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