

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY**QUESTION 2166**

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2166. Mr A G Whitfield (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

What (a) is the total number of SA Police Service (SAPS) reservists in each province in each (i) category and (ii) financial year since the 2011-12 financial year and (b) are the reasons for the decline in SAPS reservist numbers?

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REPLY:

- (a) The total number of reservists in each province per category (i) from 2011/2012 financial year to date (ii) is indicated in the information and tables below:

It must be noted that all figures included in the tables below were obtained from the PERSAP System.

- Table 1 indicates the number of reservists per Province from 2011 to 2014.
 - During this period National Instruction 1/2002 determined the establishment of the Reserve Police Service.
 - 4 Categories of reservists existed during this period namely:
 - Category A Reservists: Functional Policing
 - Category B Reservists: Support Services
 - Category C Reservists: Specialized Functional Policing
 - Category D Reservists: Rural and Urban Safety

Table 1

PROVINCE	RESERVIST CATEGORIES (Cat) PER FINANCIAL YEAR			
	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015
Nat Head Office	Cat A: 74	Cat A: 14	Cat A: 20	Cat A: 20
	Cat B: 3	Cat B: 2	Cat B: 2	Cat B: 1
	Cat C: 18	Cat C: 7	Cat C: 7	Cat C: 8

	Cat D: 63	Cat D: 44	Cat D: 20	Cat D: 4
Western Cape	Cat A: 2066	Cat A: 909	Cat A: 869	Cat A: 858
	Cat B: 354	Cat B: 69	Cat B: 63	Cat B: 63
	Cat C: 22	Cat C: 5	Cat C: 5	Cat C: 5
	Cat D: 3851	Cat D: 1424	Cat D: 1314	Cat D: 1281
Eastern Cape	Cat A: 2743	Cat A: 884	Cat A: 884	Cat A: 833
	Cat B: 171	Cat B: 41	Cat B: 47	Cat B: 45
	Cat C: 18	Cat C: 1	Cat C: 4	Cat C: 5
	Cat D: 4244	Cat D: 1194	Cat D: 1241	Cat D: 1209
Northern Cape	Cat A: 1801	Cat A: 541	Cat A: 460	Cat A: 457
	Cat B: 116	Cat B: 23	Cat B: 21	Cat B: 20
	Cat C: 6	Cat C: 1	Cat C: 1	Cat C: 361
	Cat D: 1559	Cat D: 432	Cat D: 363	Cat D: 838
Free State	Cat A: 946	Cat A: 591	Cat A: 553	Cat A: 514
	Cat B: 88	Cat B: 30	Cat B: 29	Cat B: 26
	Cat C: 10	Cat C: 2	Cat C: 2	Cat C: 2
	Cat D: 4335	Cat D: 1580	Cat D: 1545	Cat D: 1473
KwaZulu Natal	Cat A: 714	Cat A: 643	Cat A: 495	Cat A: 371
	Cat B: 28	Cat B: 23	Cat B: 14	Cat B: 9
	Cat C: 8	Cat C: 8	Cat C: 6	Cat C: 5
	Cat D: 709	Cat D: 622	Cat D: 477	Cat D: 325
North West	Cat A: 3024	Cat A: 1034	Cat A: 1089	Cat A: 1064
	Cat B: 161	Cat B: 29	Cat B: 32	Cat B: 31
	Cat C: 45	Cat C: 10	Cat C: 12	Cat C: 13
	Cat D: 2862	Cat D: 684	Cat D: 707	Cat D: 700
Mpumalanga	Cat A: 2276	Cat A: 716	Cat A: 661	Cat A: 640
	Cat B: 189	Cat B: 38	Cat B: 37	Cat B: 36
	Cat C: 39	Cat C: 13	Cat C: 12	Cat C: 11
	Cat D: 6472	Cat D: 1678	Cat D: 1535	Cat D: 1470
Limpopo	Cat A: 1353	Cat A: 675	Cat A: 672	Cat A: 662
	Cat B: 50	Cat B: 18	Cat B: 17	Cat B: 16
	Cat C: 24	Cat C: 12	Cat C: 12	Cat C: 13

	Cat D: 2709	Cat D: 1201	Cat D: 1166	Cat D: 1154
Gauteng	Cat A: 2988	Cat A: 1486	Cat A: 1512	Cat A: 1505
	Cat B: 162	Cat B: 60	Cat B: 60	Cat B: 59
	Cat C: 35	Cat C: 11	Cat C: 11	Cat C: 12
	Cat D: 5876	Cat D: 2441	Cat D: 2350	Cat D: 2345

- The National Instruction was reviewed with a view to enhance the existing standards and quality of reservists in order to protect the integrity of the South African Police Service and to re-establish a professional reservist system. On 1 March 2014, National Instruction 3 of 2014 was approved and the categories of reservists were amended as follows:
 - Category 1: Functional Policing
 - Category 2: Specialised Operational Support
- The transitional process for the implementation of National Instruction 3 of 2014 commenced in 2014 and from Table 2 below, the phasing out of the old categories and the phasing in of the new categories, are evident.

Table 2

PROVINCE	RESERVIST CATEGORIES (Cat) PER FINANCIAL YEAR				
	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
Nat Head Office	Cat A: 27	Cat C: 5	Cat C: 5	Cat C: 5	Cat 1: 1
	Cat B: 2				
	Cat C: 8		Cat 1: 1	Cat 1: 1	Cat 2: 28
	Cat D: 15	Cat 2: 15	Cat 2: 31	Cat 2: 31	
	Cat 1: 1				
Western Cape	Cat A: 809	Cat A: 671	Cat A: 625	Cat A: 374	Cat A: 8
	Cat B: 61	Cat B: 56	Cat B: 49	Cat B: 30	Cat D: 12
	Cat C: 5	Cat C: 5	Cat C: 5	Cat D: 542	Cat 1: 684
	Cat D: 1207	Cat D: 976	Cat D: 912	Cat 1: 401	
			Cat 1: 137	Cat 2: 1	
		Cat 2: 1			
	Cat A: 804	Cat A: 758	Cat A: 509	Cat A: 280	Cat A: 2

Eastern Cape	Cat B: 41	Cat B: 32	Cat B: 16	Cat B: 8	Cat D: 1
	Cat C: 5	Cat C: 5	Cat C: 3	Cat C: 1	
	Cat D: 1167	Cat D: 1064	Cat D: 632	Cat D: 291	Cat 1: 651
			Cat 1: 78	Cat 1: 523	
Northern Cape	Cat A: 451	Cat A: 443	Cat A: 442	Cat A: 408	Cat A: 6
	Cat B: 20	Cat B: 20	Cat B: 19	Cat B: 17	Cat B: 1
	Cat D: 362	Cat D: 354	Cat D: 347	Cat D: 308	Cat D: 4
			Cat 1: 2	Cat 1: 99	Cat 1: 249
Free State	Cat A: 240	Cat A: 199	Cat A: 132	Cat A: 24	Cat A: 9
	Cat B: 6	Cat B: 3	Cat B: 1	Cat D: 57	Cat D: 9
	Cat C: 2	Cat C: 1	Cat C: 1	Cat 1: 462	Cat 1: 547
	Cat D: 719	Cat D: 604	Cat D: 348	Cat 2: 1	Cat 2: 1
			Cat 1: 108		
Cat 2: 1					
KwaZulu Natal	Cat A: 371	Cat A: 307	Cat A: 276	Cat A: 39	Cat 1: 774
	Cat B: 9	Cat B: 3	Cat B: 1	Cat C: 3	
	Cat C: 5	Cat C: 5	Cat C: 5	Cat D: 27	
	Cat D: 325	Cat D: 287	Cat D: 242	Cat 1: 821	Cat 2: 1
	Cat 2: 1	Cat 2: 4	Cat 1: 390	Cat 2: 4	
			Cat 2: 4		
North West	Cat A: 1049	Cat A: 785	Cat A: 456	Cat A: 147	Cat A: 1
	Cat B: 31	Cat B: 28	Cat B: 13	Cat B: 6	Cat D: 1
	Cat C: 14	Cat C: 11	Cat C: 3	Cat C: 1	
	Cat D: 708	Cat D: 531	Cat D: 318	Cat D: 106	Cat 1: 611
		Cat 1: 87	Cat 1: 141	Cat 1: 526	
Mpumalanga	Cat A: 627	Cat A: 369	Cat A: 366	Cat A: 215	Cat D: 1
	Cat B: 36	Cat B: 16	Cat B: 16	Cat B: 8	
	Cat C: 12	Cat C: 8	Cat C: 8	Cat C: 4	Cat 1: 533
	Cat D: 1450	Cat D: 838	Cat D: 828	Cat D: 486	
			Cat 1: 103	Cat 1: 388	Cat 2: 1
				Cat 2: 1	
Limpopo	Cat A: 661	Cat A: 596	Cat A: 399	Cat A: 219	Cat A: 4

	Cat B: 16	Cat B: 15	Cat B: 10	Cat B: 6	Cat B: 0
	Cat C: 13	Cat C: 13	Cat C: 9	Cat C: 3	Cat C: 0
	Cat D: 1141	Cat D: 966	Cat D: 665	Cat D: 303	Cat D: 2
	Cat 1: 0	Cat 1: 0	Cat 1: 236	Cat 1: 685	Cat 1: 890
	Cat 2: 0	Cat 2: 0	Cat 2: 3	Cat 2: 3	Cat 2: 3
Gauteng	Cat A: 1435	Cat A: 1402	Cat A: 777	Cat A: 264	Cat A: 41
	Cat B: 52	Cat B: 48	Cat B: 28	Cat B: 8	Cat B: 1
	Cat C: 10	Cat C: 9	Cat C: 4	Cat C: 304	Cat C: 00
	Cat D: 2221	Cat D: 2136	Cat D: 1270	Cat D: 303	Cat D: 20
	Cat 1: 2	Cat 1: 1162	Cat 1: 1703	Cat 1: 0	Cat 1: 1817

Table 2 continued

PROVINCE	RESERVIST CATEGORIES (Cat) PER FINANCIAL YEAR	
	2020/2021	2021/2022
Nat Head Office	Cat 2: 29	Cat 2: 30
Western Cape	Cat A: 6	Cat A: 5
	Cat D: 3	Cat D: 3
	Cat 1: 580	Cat 1: 563
	Cat 2: 1	Cat 2: 2
Eastern Cape	Cat 1: 461	Cat D: 1
		Cat 1: 401
Northern Cape	Cat A: 5	Cat A: 2
	Cat B: 1	Cat B: 1
	Cat D: 3	Cat D: 1
	Cat 1: 209	Cat 1: 161
Free State	Cat A: 7	Cat A: 5
	Cat D: 9	Cat D: 4
	Cat 1: 350	Cat 1: 368
	Cat 2: 1	Cat 2: 1
KwaZulu Natal	Cat 1: 581	Cat 1: 396

	Cat 2: 1	Cat 2: 1
North West	Cat A: 1	Cat 1: 265
	Cat 1: 391	
Mpumalanga	Cat D: 1	Cat D: 2
	Cat 1: 336	Cat 1: 320
	Cat 2: 1	Cat 2: 1
Limpopo	Cat A: 1	Cat D: 1
	Cat D: 2	Cat 1: 478
	Cat 1: 529	Cat 2: 3
	Cat 2: 3	
Gauteng	Cat 1: 1476	Cat D: 1
	Cat 2: 3	Cat 1: 1404
		Cat 2: 3

- (b) Reservists are volunteers and may decide at any time to terminate their services. Certain categories of employment, for example in the security or taxi industry, are excluded from the reservist system, which necessitates a reservist to resign, should they be employed in such a capacity.

Many reservists joined when they were unemployed and resign as reservists when they secure employment. A significant portion of reservists were permanently employed as SAPS members or civilian employees, as part of a targeted recruitment decision by the SAPS to consider reservists who are eligible for employment.

The amendment of the National Instruction, specifically changes to the categories of reservists and the enhanced criteria for recruitment, led to a reduction in the numbers of reservists.

During the transitional phase (from 2014) many reservists were found to be inactive but were still reflected on the PERSAP System. Provinces were requested to conduct a thorough verification process in order to update the system for accurate and verified information.

The SAPS commenced with the recruitment of new reservists in the 2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 financial years, during which 3 628 reservists were appointed.

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