



**JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (NA)**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO. 279**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 23 AUGUST 2024**

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**279. Ms K Kgobisa-Ngcaba (DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:**

In the past five financial years, what is the total number of (a) cases of (i) rape and (ii) sexual assault that were received by the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) from the SA Police Service for prosecution, (b) of these cases that included child victims and (d) how many of these cases (i) did the NPA decide to prosecute, (ii) have been enrolled for trial, (iii) did the NPA decline to prosecute for which they issued a nolle prosequi certificate and (iv) were closed without any results?

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**REPLY:**

***In the past five financial years, what is the total number of (a) cases of (i) rape and (ii) sexual assault that were received by the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) from the SA Police Service for prosecution.***

The National Prosecuting Authority does not keep record of the crimes on cases received for decision from the South African Police Services (SAPS). However, the cases enrolled in court as extracted from the Electronic Case Management System (ECMS) for the past five years appear below in the Table: (During 2020/21 as well as part of 2021/22 COVID restrictions applied which had an enormous impact on the crimes reported to SAPS)

Fin Year	Rape	Sexual Assault
FY 2020 / 21	1540	590
FY 2021 / 22	4680	533
FY 2022 / 23	14655	937
FY 2023 / 24	14121	959
FY 2024 / 25(Apr –26 Aug '24)	4044	250
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>39040</b>	<b>3269</b>

In addition to the ECMS information as reflected above, herewith the Thuthuzela Care Centre(TCC) statistics regarding matters reported with victims that received pre-trial services:

- **Matters reported at TCC sites and victims that received pre-trial services:**

Fin Year	Total number of matters reported and victims receiving pre-trial services per annum	Number of sexual offence matters reported at the TCC sites
<b>2020/21 (57 sites)</b>	<b>29 593</b>	<b>26 281</b>

2021/22 (60 sites)	34 456	30 541
2022/23 (62 sites)	38 813	31 448
2023/24 (64 sites)	41 158	33 507
2024/25	Final numbers are not available due to verification process.	

**What is the total number (b) of these cases that included child victims**

Fin Year	Rape (Involving child)	Sexual Assault (Involving Child)
FY 2020 / 21	324	160
FY 2021 / 22	336	164
FY 2022 / 23	471	253
FY 2023 / 24	449	178
FY 2024 / 25 (Apr –26 Aug ‘24)	130	13
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1710</b>	<b>768</b>

**What is the total number (b) of these cases that included child victims and (d) how many of these cases (i) did the NPA decide to prosecute, (ii) have been enrolled for trial?**

The cases in which prosecution have been instituted (inclusive of those involving child victims) appears in the column of “Open Cases” whilst the cases enrolled for trial appears in the last column of the Table below:

**The number of cases on the court rolls appears in the Table below:**

As at 26 Aug 2024	Court Type	Rape / Sexual Assault	Nr of Open Cases	Trial cases
FY 2024 / 25	Regional Court	Rape	11177	6249
FY 2024 / 25	District Court	Rape	4942	-
FY 2024 / 25	Regional Court	Sexual Assault	796	425
FY 2024 / 25	District Court	Sexual Assault	378	28
	<b>Total</b>		<b>17293</b>	<b>6702</b>

**What is the total number (iii) did the NPA decline to prosecute for which they issued a nolle prosequi certificate and (iv) were closed without any results?**

The NPA does not keep specific statistics on the number of *nolle prosequi* certificates issued per crime.

The number of cases closed without any results are displayed in the Table below:

<b>Fin Year</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Sexual Assault</b>
<b>FY 2020 / 21</b>	<b>9570</b>	<b>701</b>
<b>FY 2021 / 22</b>	<b>3883</b>	<b>304</b>
<b>FY 2022 / 23</b>	<b>3184</b>	<b>467</b>
<b>FY 2023 / 24</b>	<b>1177</b>	<b>408</b>
<b>FY 2024 / 25 (Apr – 26 Aug '24)</b>	<b>1117</b>	<b>405</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>18931</b>	<b>2285</b>