

**PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION 107

Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Correctional Services:

- (1) With reference to his reply to the National Assembly Question 2016 on 4 December 2024 regarding the 3875 weapons that were discovered and/or confiscated over a 12-month period, what is the breakdown of the (a) make and/or (b) nature of each of such weapons;
- (2) whether any (a) guns and (b) knives were discovered; if so, (i) how many in each case, (ii) how many guns were (aa) licenced and (bb) unlicenced and (iii)(aa) what are the details and (bb) what is the status of each investigation into how they were obtained;
- (3) (a) how alcohol was smuggled into the Western Cape Correctional Facilities, (b) what investigations have been done in this regard and (c) what were the consequences for Correctional Service officials regarding this matter;
- (4) to what extent has his department engaged with the SA Police Service in the Western Cape in an attempt to investigate the alarming high numbers of drugs and weapons that have been confiscated from the Western Cape detainees over the 12-month period?

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REPLY:

- (1) the breakdown of the make and/or nature of each of such weapons is as follows:

Management Areas	Screw drivers	Sharp objects	Self-made knives	Knives	Scissors	Other weapons (wires, broken mirrors & brooms)	Weapons
Allandale	0	68	27	19	0	0	114
Brandvlei	5	27	8	8	7	372	427
Breederivier	0	2	1	3	0	0	6
Drakenstein	0	16	1	0	0	47	64
Goodwood	3	259	37	52	7	1554	1912
Overberg	0	67	19	5	0	138	229
Pollsmoor	77	581	174	117	0	0	949
Southern Cape	0	101	0	16	0	0	117
Voorberg	0	6	2	3	0	0	11
West Coast	0	35	0	11	0	0	46
TOTAL	85	1 162	269	234	14	2 111	3 875

- (2)(a) No guns were discovered
- (2)(b)(i) A total of 234 knives were discovered (*as per table supra*) however none could be linked to officials or inmates.
- (3) All 12,6 litres of alcohol were found abandoned and could not be linked to any correctional officials or inmates
- (4) There is currently close collaboration with the South African Police Services, State Security, Anti-gang Unit and Crime Intelligence to deal with these issues. Part of the collaboration includes joint searching operations in identified hot spot areas.

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