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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 126**

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**126. Ms D Kohler (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

With reference to the reply to question 228 on 18 March 2014, (a) how much discontinued ammunition is still in circulation in the SA Police Service in each province and (b) what action is to be taken to remove this ammunition from use?

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**REPLY:**

1. Total discontinued ammunition still in circulation in the SA Police Service:

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| **PROVINCE** | **PREVIOUS QUANTITY** | **CURRENT QUANTITY** |
| Western Cape | 68,542 | 74,627 |
| Eastern Cape | 538,937 | 594,806 |
| Northern Cape | 104,459 | 38,326 |
| Free State | 410,981 | 135,065 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 523,978 | 228,164 |
| North West | 233,850 | 24,120 |
| Mpumalanga | 296,479 | 92,676 |
| Limpopo | 35,080 | 10,446 |
| Gauteng | 71,764 | 63,209 |
| Head Office Divisions | 2,061,456 | 1,704,286 |
| **TOTAL:** | **4,345,526** | **2,965,725** |

This ammunition may only be used for training purposes. However, this ammunition is still in use by Specialized Units within the SAPS for training, ballistic testing of firearms and IBIS test firing purposes.

1. An instruction to withdraw all such ammunition was issued from the Divisional Commissioner, Supply Chain Management on 12 September 2006, which also instructed that such ammunition may not be issued any longer as from this date.

Recently another instruction in regard was issued by the Divisional Commissioner, Supply Chain Management to all Provisional Commissioners and Divisional Commissioners to immediately withdraw all non-standard, obsolete and unserviceable ammunition not in use, from their respective provinces and divisions.

All non-standard, obsolete and unserviceable ammunition is being sent on a continuous basis to the Ammunition Store at the Division Supply Chain Management for disposal and this is being monitored to ensure compliance.