

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
QUESTION NUMBER: 3951 [NW4919E]
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3951. Mr M J Cuthbert (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

What total amount in Rands and cents has been lost in revenue to the illicit trade in (a) tobacco and (b) alcohol industry in the period 1 March 2020 until 28 February 2022?

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REPLY

a) Illicit Cigarettes

- i. 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021
The unit conducted 432 interventions during the period and has had 284 detentions of 91,790,304 cigarettes valued at R72,686,107.77
The unit has achieved 322 seizures of 89,356,949 cigarettes to the value of R102,878,429.40
- ii. 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022
The unit conducted 102 interventions during the period and has had 106 detentions of 190,795,489 cigarettes valued at R273,527,115.63
The unit has achieved 97 seizures of 81,241,405 cigarettes to the value of R92,071,583.81

Illicit Tobacco

- iii. 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021
The unit conducted 30 Illicit Tobacco interventions during the period and has had 9 detentions of 207,036 units valued at R5,240,665.00
The unit has achieved 7 seizures of 1,240 units (combination of weight in kg's and boxes) Illicit Tobacco to the value of R19,282.00
- iv. 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022
The unit conducted 45 Illicit Tobacco interventions during the period and has had 13 detentions of 536,774.50 units (combination of weight in kg's and boxes) valued at R55,951,740.00
The unit has achieved 3 seizures of 23,039 units (combination of weight in kg's and boxes) Illicit Tobacco to the value of R110,762.00

b) Illicit Alcohol

- i. 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021
The unit conducted 56 Illicit Alcohol interventions during the period and has had 43 detentions of 227,292.53 units (combination of liters/ bottles & cans) valued at R9,376,353.83
The unit has achieved 25 seizures of 25,146,924.25 units of Illicit Alcohol to the value of R8,931,872.30

ii. 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

The unit conducted 39 Illicit Alcohol interventions during the period and has had 35 detentions of 578,304.17 units (combination of liters/ bottles & cans) valued at R19,491,172.39.

The unit has achieved 11 seizures of 12,730.25 units of Illicit Alcohol to the value of R6,915,339.00

Summary of the above data.

<u>Period</u>		<u>01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021</u>					
<u>Illicit Industry</u>	<u>Number Interventions</u>	<u>Detentions</u>			<u>Seizures</u>		
		<u>Number</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Value</u>
<u>Illicit Cigarettes</u>	432	284	91,790,304	R72,686,107.77	322	89,356,949	R102,878,429.40
<u>Illicit Tobacco</u>	30	9	207,036 units	R5,240,665.00	7	1,240 units	R19,282.00
<u>Illicit Alcohol</u>	56	43	227,292.53 units	R9,376,353.83	25	25,146,924.25 units	R8,931,872.30
<u>Period</u>		<u>01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022</u>					
<u>Illicit Industry</u>	<u>Number Interventions</u>	<u>Detentions</u>			<u>Seizures</u>		
		<u>Number</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Value</u>
<u>Illicit Cigarettes</u>	102	106	190,795,489	R273,527,115.63	97	81,241,405	R92,071,583.81
<u>Illicit Tobacco</u>	30	9	207,036 units	R5,240,665.00	7	1 240 units	R19,282.00
<u>Illicit Alcohol</u>	39	35	578,304.17 units	R19,491,172.39	11	12,730.25 units	R6,915,339.00