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## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

**TUESDAY, 13 MAY 2025**

### *Drug abuse in schools*

**★119. Adv Inkosi M Nonkonyana (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(a) What programmes has the SA Police Service in conjunction with the Department of Basic Education to combat the (i) selling and (ii) use of drugs in schools as there are numerous incidents of them and (b) how effective are the said programmes in combating such serious crimes? CO615E

### *VIP protection*

**★113. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What steps is he taking to ensure that incidents involving the alleged hit on the Deputy President's blue light convoy are not used to justify further escalation of costs of the VIP protection at public expense (details furnished)? CO609E

### *Eradicating gangsterism*

**★106. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(a) What recent interventions have been made to (i) reduce and (ii) eradicate gang-related offences, given the prevalence of violent culture in the country (details furnished) and (b) what interdepartmental initiatives has he taken to create (i) task forces and (ii) other bodies to investigate and prosecute gang members? CO602E

### *Police programmes*

**★120. Ms J S Mananiso (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) Whether his department has any programmes that are geared at dealing with criminal activities which involve police members (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the results of such programmes and (b) what are the further relevant details;
- (2) whether any vetting programmes are implemented during the recruitment of new police members; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO616E

### *Interference in investigation*

**★100. Ms S M N Mokoena (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) Whether he will provide any responses to claims that there are allegations of politically motivated interference to shield key figures from scrutiny regarding a certain investigation (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (2) (a) what measures have been implemented to ensure the Independent Police Investigative Directorate operates without undue influence and (b) what actions will he take to reassure South Africans that his department is not complicit in eroding justice and accountability in enforcing the law? CO595E

*State Capture Task Team*

★121. Ms O D Medupe (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

What is the current update on the activities of the State Capture Task Team that has been established by the National Head of the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation to investigate matters that have been identified in the State Capture Commission of Inquiry report? CO617E

*Questions for written reply transferred for oral in terms of Rule 231:*

*Correctional facilities' investigations*

■1. Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Police: [Written Question No 126]

(a) How many cases that are emanating from correctional facilities in South Africa have the SA Police Service investigated nationally since 1 January 2023, (b) what is the nature of each complaint at each facility and (c) what is the status of each investigation? CW144E

*Establishment of Anti-Gang Unit*

■2. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Police: [Written Question No 135]

- (1) (a) How will the SA Police Service determine the budget for the Anti-Gang Unit in the Western Cape when there is no fixed establishment, (b) what are the reasons for the non-existence of the fixed establishment of the said unit (details furnished), (c) when will a fixed establishment be finalised and (d) how has the unit been established when no fixed establishment was part of the planning phase;
- (2) whether he and his department are dedicated to the success of such a unit that is fighting daily wars on the Cape Flats; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) why is such a unit (i) under-resourced and (ii) underfunded and (b) what are the reasons for the lack of enough members in the unit? CW153E

*Lost firearms*

■3. Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Police: [Written Question No 191]

- (1) With reference to his reply to Question 63 on 9 January 2025 in respect of the lost firearms from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2024, (a) what is the breakdown of incidents

for each (i) member and (ii) police station and (b) what were the consequences for each member who lost a firearm;

- (2) whether any of the members (a) who lost firearms during the said period lost them before or after the incident that is referred to in the statistics and/or (b) had their firearms stolen at any time; if so, what were the consequences in each case for multiple loss/theft or a combination thereof;
- (3) (a) how many of the lost firearms were replaced (i) by his department and (ii) at the cost of the member and (b) which of the members were declared unfit to possess a firearm emanating from the loss as reported for the said period? CW250E

*Sanction/suspension of warrant officer*

■4. **Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Police: [Written Question No 247]**

- (1) (a) What necessitated the letter dated 26 February 2025 regarding the sanction of a certain person (details furnished), (b) who neglected to inform the officer of the suspension in February 2024, (c) what are the consequences regarding the failure to inform the officer timeously, (d) what had been the (i) exact charges, (ii) details of each charge and (iii) nature of misconduct in terms of the said case, (e) who was the designated disciplinary officer as contemplated in regulation 5(1) that presided over the case and (f) what was the initial sanction that has been imposed in terms of regulation 9(2)(e);
- (2) whether such initial sanction varied as contemplated in regulation 9(4); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) by whom and (b) what were the exceptional circumstances that warranted such a variation;
- (3) whether regulations (a) 9(5), (b) 12(3) and (c) 14(1) were complied with in this regard; if not, why not; if so, on what dates;
- (4) whether regulations (a) 14(2) and (b) 14(3) apply to such a case; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (i) who varied the sanction in terms of regulation 14(2) and (ii) what are the full reasons for such variation;
- (5) whether a case was opened regarding the (a) theft and (b) fraud of police docket; if not, why not; if so, (i) what is the nature of police investigation, (ii) what are the criminal charges that are proffered against the said officer and those who ostensibly bought police docket from him and (iii) to what extent the findings of dishonesty impact a person's ability to serve as a police (aa) officer and/or (bb) official?

CW337E

*SAPS positions/recruitment criteria***■5. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Police: [Written Question No 280]**

- (1) (a) What were the basic job criteria for each SA Police Service advertised position (details furnished), (b) how many candidates applied for such positions and (c) how many applicants have met the said criteria;
- (2) whether applicants who could not meet basic job criteria have been disqualified from the selection process; if not, what are the reasons in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details of the candidates who were appointed, including their qualifications?

CW359E

*Police body-worn cameras***■6. Mr M Billy (KwaZulu-Natal: DA) to ask the Minister of Police: [Written Question No 286]**

Whether he will provide a detailed implementation plan, including specific (a) milestones and/or (b) deadlines for the deployment and distribution of the first 100 police body-worn cameras (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (i) what (aa) policies and/or (bb) guidelines will govern the use of body-worn cameras, (ii) when will they be activated, (iii) how will the first 100 body-worn cameras be distributed among police units (iv) how will footages be stored, (v) who will have access to the recordings, (vi) who is the supplier of such cameras and (vii) what criteria have been used to select them?

CW366E

*Re-apprehension of escapee***■7. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Police: [Written Question No 366]**

- (1) With reference to his reply to Question 157 on 15 October 2024, (a) why the SA Police Service (SAPS) had to wait on the instruction from the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) before they acted on the suspicion that a certain person had escaped (details furnished), (b) why the SAPS could not take action to re-apprehend the said person, (c) on what date was the SAPS informed by the DCS that the said person had escaped, (d) why immediate action was not taken to re-apprehend him and (e) on what date has the SAPS informed its structures that the said person had escaped and was a fugitive;
- (2) (a) how the responsible officers reasoned that a certain person (details furnished) who was traveling with a fraudulent identity document would be traced in the event that he had not appeared on the court date (details furnished) and (b) to what extent was the detainee's address verified whilst the true identity could not be established;
- (3) (a) on what basis was a certain person released on a SAPS 496 (details furnished) and (b) what are the names of the SAPS officials who were responsible for the (i) authorisation and (ii) issuing of SAPS 496;

- (4) (a) what is the name of the involved member in a certain case (details furnished), (b) what is the (i) nature and (ii) status of the said case, (c) what are the reasons for the delays in finalising the said case, given that the incident took place in August 2022, (d) what are the names of the two SAPS members against whom the written warnings were issued and (e) on what basis were such warnings issued (details furnished);
- (5) whether any officers who were involved in the release of a certain person have been criminally charged for accepting bribes from a certain person (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, (a) when were the Hawks first informed thereof and (b) what are the further relevant details? CW424E

*Gang/gang-related murders/attempted murders*

■8. **Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Police: [Written Question No 458]**

- (a) How many (i) gang and/or (ii) gang-related (aa) murders and/or (bb) attempted murders were reported in the Western Cape between 1 March 2020 and 31 March 2025, (b) what is the breakdown in respect of each police station and (c) how many resulted in (i) arrests, (ii) nolle prosequi and (iii) convictions in this regard? CW521E

*Status of internal disciplinary matters*

■9. **Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Police: [Written Question No 461]**

- (a) What is the status of the internal disciplinary matters against certain persons (details furnished) who are accused of assaulting a barber at his workplace in Mowbray on 7 November 2023 and (b) what are the reasons for delays in finalising such matters? CW524E

*VIP protections/blue lights for traditional leaders*

■10. **Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Police: [Written Question No 462]**

- (a) How many traditional leaders are provided with (i) VIP protection and (ii) blue lights and (b) what is the breakdown of costs that are involved? CW525E

**THE PRESIDENCY**

*Implementation of recommendations*

★123. **Mr P A Phala (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

- With reference to the reply to a similar oral question on 24 September 2024, (a) what is the progress in the implementation of recommendations of such a report and (b) what is the medium to long-term plan of her department to improve the operational, strategic and professional capabilities of the State Security Agency? CO619E

*New intelligence entities***★116. Mr J H P Britz (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

Whether she will specify (a) operational, (b) staffing and (c) oversight mechanisms that are already in place to ensure that the two newly established intelligence entities function effectively as the State Security Agency has been disbanded; if not, why not; if so, (i) what interim risks have been identified to the national security and (ii) what are the further relevant details?

CO612E

*Organised crime syndicates***★105. Mr V Gericke (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

Whether she has established that the recent phenomenon of high-profile kidnapping and abduction cases for ransom are related to (a) local and/or (b) international organised crime syndicates; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (i) what syndicates have been (aa) identified and (bb) dealt with effectively in this regard and (ii) what are the further relevant details?

CO601E

*Airports for drug trafficking***★124. Ms J S Mananiso (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

- (1) Whether her department, in conjunction with other sector departments in the security cluster have identified airports in other countries that are critical flashpoints for use by criminal syndicates to traffic drugs to South Africa through the OR Tambo and other airports; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what (a) collaborations and (b) cooperations the State Security Agency developed with relevant security agencies in such countries?

CO620E

*Monitoring/addressing threats***★103. Mr S A Zulu (Mpumalanga: MKP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

(a) What measures is the State Security Agency implementing in 2025 to (i) monitor and (ii) address the potential threats of foreign political movements that could affect domestic affairs and (b) what strategies are being developed to (i) protect South Africa's sovereignty and (ii) prevent external interference in national issues?

CO598E

*Kidnappings for ransom***★125. Adv Inkosi M Nonkonyana (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

- (1) Whether any integrated national strategies exist to counter the escalating criminal incidents of kidnappings for ransom; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (2) whether there are any structured cooperations and collaborations with the banking sector as part of the strategy as they are critical intermediaries in processing financial transactions of large amounts of money; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO621E

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★107. Ms J M Adriaanse (North West: DA)—The Presidency.

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★109. Dr I S Scheurkogel (Free State: DA)—Police.

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★111. Mr O J Mokae (Northern Cape: DA)—Police.

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★114. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA)—Police.

★115. Mr N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA)—The Presidency.

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★122. Mr P A Phala (Limpopo: ANC)—Police.

★126. Ms O D Medupe (North West: ANC)—The Presidency.