

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

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2. ★ Indicates a question for oral reply.
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Fire at Kutama Sinthumule Correctional Centre

★236. Ms M Bartlett (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

- (1) Whether his department has concluded the investigations into the fire that broke out at Kutama Sinthumule Correctional Centre in Limpopo on 7 August 2023; if not, why not, if so, (a) what circumstances led to the incident, (b) where have the inmates been transferred to and (c) what are the further relevant details;
- (2) whether such facilities have the capacity to accommodate extra inmates; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO919E

Released offenders

★240. Mr G Michalakis (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

How many convicted prisoners were released on the latest remission programme which is alleged to have been initiated to ensure the immediate release of a certain person (details furnished)? CO924E

New policy proposals

★237. Mr T S C Dodovu (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

- (1) Whether his department has finalised the new policy proposals to address the gaps that were identified in the protected disclosures and witness protection legislation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what provisions will be introduced to (a) encourage the reporting of crimes and (b) ensure that whistleblowers are protected from various consequences that are associated with whistleblowing? CO920E

Overcrowding in correctional facilities

★250. Mr N M Hadebe (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

What is his department's short-term response mechanism to address the insufficient bed space and overcrowding in both state and privately-run prisons as overcrowding in correctional facilities impacts on the safety of inmates, leading to violence, dysfunction and increase in escapes? CO934E

Extradition application

★241. Mr G Michalakis (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

Whether, with reference to the rejection of extradition of a certain family (details furnished) and meetings between the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) and United Arab Emirates, such meetings resulted in any indication what the defects in extradition application led to its rejection? CO925E

Notice for correctional contract

★238. Ms N Ndongeni (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:

- (1) Whether, following the cancellation notice that has been issued to Bloemfontein Correctional Contracts in May 2023, the relevant procedures and processes are completed; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether his department is prepared to take over the operations at Mangaung Correctional Facility should the need arise; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO921E

Construction mafia

★233. Ms S Shaikh (Limpopo: ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether any members of the alleged construction mafia were arrested for halting and/or hijacking construction projects, including public infrastructure projections; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant available details? CO916E

Visible policing

★239. Mr F J Badenhorst (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

What measures has his department put in place since the previous term of office to remedy the lack of visible policing as the public complained when engaging with aspects of community safety? CO923E

Township mass shootings

★234. Ms A D Maleka (Mpumalanga: ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) What measures are in place by the SA Police Service in collaboration with the Cape Town Metro Police to combat mass shootings in townships like Gugulethu, Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain;

- (2) whether Crime Intelligence and Detective Services are sufficiently (a) resourced and (b) capacitated to investigate the current shootings and prevent any future incidents; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO917E

Community policing forums

★246. Mr K Motsamai (Gauteng: EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:

What form of support is provided to the community policing forums as they are utilising their own resources to fight crime whereas they are recognised by his department? CO930E

Rewarding police stations

★242. Mr C F B Smit (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether police stations are rewarded based on how low their crime statistics is? CO926E

Payment of protection fees

★235. Mr E M Mthethwa (KwaZulu-Natal: ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) Whether the SA Police Service has any strategies and plans to stop the practice of extorting money known as “protection fees” from businesses in townships and town centres in various provinces; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what role could the (a) businesses and (b) community policing forums play to ensure that such extortion practices will not proliferate any further? CO918E

■15. Mr G Michalakis (Free State: DA)—Police. [Written question No 634] [Replied to – 19 October 2023]

Cable theft cases

■16. Mr G Michalakis (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Police: [Written question No 635, transferred in terms of Rule 231]

(a) How many cases of cable theft have been reported in each province, (b) how many of such cases had a direct impact on infrastructure and (c) what strategies are currently in place to combat the occurrence of cable theft in each province? CO813E

Cable theft/sabotage to water infrastructure

■17. Mr G Michalakis (Free State: DA) to ask the Minister of Police: [Written question No 636, transferred in terms of Rule 231]

- (1) (a) How many cases of cable theft and sabotage to water infrastructure were reported and concluded (i) in the (aa) 2019/20, (bb) 2020/21, (cc) 2021/22 and (dd) 2022/23 financial years and (ii) from 1 April 2023 up to the latest specified date for which

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information is available, (b) what was the outcome of each case, (c) what was the nature of each conviction and (d) what are the reasons for the withdrawal of charges and/or unsuccessful conviction in each case;

- (2) (a) what partnerships have been formed with civil society in this regard and (b) what preventative measures are in place to combat the occurrence of cable theft and sabotage to water infrastructure?

CO814E

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- ★231. Mr N M Hadebe (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP)—Justice and Correctional Services.
- ★232. Mr N M Hadebe (KwaZulu-Natal: IFP)—Police.
- ★243. Mr M Nhanha (Eastern Cape: DA)—Police.
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- ★245. Mr M S Moletsane (Free State: EFF)—Police.
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