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**2643. Ms M A Molebatsi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(a) How many persons who were previously enlisted in the SA Police Service (SAPS) will be recruited in the re-enlistment drive from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2019, (b) how will this affect the approved personnel establishment of the SAPS and (c) why will the re-enlisted personnel be appointed only on the rank of lieutenant and below regardless of their previous rank?

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**REPLY:**

1. The National Commissioner approved a re-enlistment process of former members for the 2015/2016 financial year to address the service terminations experienced by the South African Police Service. This is an exercise specific for this financial year only and whether it goes on until 2019 cannot be determined at this stage. The posts for re-enlistment were externally advertised during June 2015 and a total of 3187 applications were received nationally. These applications are currently under consideration and as announced by the National Commissioner only former members with a consistent track record of good performance, disciplinary and attendance record will be re-enlisted. Furthermore former members must have no criminal record and/or criminal cases pending. The number that will be finally recruited/re-enlisted cannot be determined at this stage as they are being subjected to the different standards and criteria for re-enlistment.
2. The re-enlistment process of former members will be accommodated in vacant posts in terms of the approved funded fixed establishment of the South African Police Service.
3. Re-enlistments will only be considered on the rank of Lieutenant due to budgetary constraints and to allow for the progression of SAPS internal members to higher ranks who are due for promotion.