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**2693. Mr M H Redelinghuys (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) What (a) is the current status of the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation’s investigation into case IR 2016/03/71 and (b) are the charges contained in the docket;

(2) whether any suspects have been arrested to date; if not, why not, in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;

(3) whether any (a) suspects or (b) witnesses have been interviewed; if not, why not, in each case; if so, (i) when and (ii) what are the further relevant details;

(4) when are the specified investigations anticipated to be finalised?

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**REPLY:**

(1)(a) The matter is still under investigation.

(1)(b) An enquiry was opened vide Johannesburg Commercial Crime Investigation Unit (CCIU) Enquiry 02/06/2016. As soon as sufficient evidence has been gathered, a criminal case docket will be registered.

(2) No suspects have been arrested yet and the investigation is still proceeding.

(3)(a) No, if any suspects are interviewed prematurely, it will hamper the investigation and possible crucial evidence may be tampered with or destroyed.

(3)(b) One witness has been interviewed.

(4) It is anticipated that the investigation will be concluded by the end of January 2017.