

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION 160

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160. Mr H A Shembeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:

What (a) steps does he intend to take in respect of cross-border crimes taking place in KwaZulu-Natal, where vehicles are stolen and taken across the border and (b) is the reason why the Commissioner of Police is not deploying the National Intervention Unit to deal with the situation?

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REPLY:

(a) The South African Police Service (SAPS), Division: Visible Policing and Operations, Component: Border Policing, is responsible for the policing and security of the declared ports of entry of the Republic of South Africa.

The effective management of the ports of entry is vital in ensuring the enforcement of the relevant legislation and the prevention of the flow of contraband, illegal drugs, undocumented persons, stolen/robbed vehicles, stolen firearms, as well as to combat human smuggling and trafficking. The port of entry environment monitors the movement of wanted persons and circulated stolen/robbed vehicles.

In order to address the smuggling of stolen/hijacked/robbed vehicles, the SAPS has implemented control measures, such as the stopping and searching of vehicles, on a daily basis, to ensure that vehicles are verified before they are allowed to leave the country.

Daily operations are conducted within a 10 kilometre radius of ports of entry, to combat and detect transnational crimes by focusing on priority crimes, such as: illegal firearms, stolen vehicles, illicit drugs, illegal cross border migration, illegal consignments, illegal marine living resources, precious metals and stones and stock theft.

In addition, the SAPS Provincial Commissioner: KwaZulu-Natal has deployed members of the Public Order Policing (POP) and the Tactical Response Team (TRT) to fight cross-border crime in Emanguzi and the surrounding areas of the uMkhanyakude District.


- (b) The SAPS National Commissioner has deployed members of the National Intervention Unit (NIU) to assist in fighting cross-border crime in Emanguzi and surrounding areas of the uMkhanyakude District.

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