

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION 1018

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1018. Ms Z Majozl (IFP) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether, in light of the cited theft and vandalism on trains and train stations as reasons for trains grinding to a halt in the Eastern Cape, he (a) is in consultation with the Metrorail and (b) has considered implementing a dedicated and trained policing unit to deal with the threats to commuters and rail infrastructure; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

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REPLY:

- (a) The South African Police Services are in constant communication and interacting with Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA) through the coordinating structures of the different Rail Crime Combatting Forums:
- Strategic Level - National Rail Crime Combating Forum (NRCCF)
 - Operational Level - Provincial Rail Crime Combating Forum (PRCCF)
 - Tactical Level - Company Rail Crime Combating Forum (CRCCF)
- (b) The South African Police Services has a mandated unit for visible policing within the rail environment: Rapid Rail Police Unit Eastern Cape.
- The mandate of the Rapid Rail Police Units is embedded within the mandate of the South African Police Service which is derived from section 205 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996. The functions of the Rapid Rail Police Unit include the —
- rendering of a visible policing service within the rail environment to address safety of commuters;
 - conducting of preventative and reactive policing service within the rail environment;
 - Performing of crime prevention and crime combating operations in the rail environment.

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**GENERAL BH CELE (MP)
MINISTER OF POLICE**

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