

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1031**

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**1031. Ms Z Majozi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Police:**

In light of the fact that a Police Clearance Certificate is a pre-requisite for employment in many occupations, in particular for individuals who will be working with children, and in view of the fact that in some cases a potential employer will not consider a candidate without the specified certificate, what is the current waiting period once an individual has applied for a Police Clearance Certificate, as it appears that individuals experience extended waiting periods to acquire such?

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**REPLY:**

A South African Police Service (SAPS) Clearance Certificate is issued for the purpose of international travel or work abroad, as it is a VISA requirement.

A SAPS Clearance Report is issued for purpose of employment within the borders of South Africa and is a requirement of various legislation, regarding permits and licensing.

A SAPS Clearance Certificate is not a requirement, in terms of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Act 2007, (Act No. 32 of 2007) or the Children's Act, 2005 (Act No. 38 of 2005) .

The current workload on hand, is 60 000. The target is to issue 95% of SAPS Clearance Certificates, within 15 days. Currently, the waiting period exceeds eight weeks, due to various factors, including an unusual influx of applications; system downtime, due to necessary systems upgrades; and the prioritisation of fingerprint searches for firearm licensing and competency renewals. It is also important to note that the response time was negatively affected by the closure of building for a period of 14 days, due to a power outage and the dispute between the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure and the landlord. Both of the aforementioned factors were beyond the SAPS' control.

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