# FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION 119

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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**119. M. Gen O S Terblanche (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Whether the SA Police Service (SAPS) has put any plans in place to minimise the high numbers of its vehicles that are taken out of service at any given time due to maintenance and repairs, in order to ensure that the SAPS can continue to fulfil its mandate; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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# REPLY:

The South African Police Service (SAPS) has put measures in place, to minimise the high number of vehicles that are taken out of service at any given time, due to maintenance and repairs.

In the last two financial years, all SAPS vehicles were purchased with a maintenance or service plan, in order to ensure a quick turnaround time for vehicles booked into the SAPS garages, with basic maintenance and/or service requirements.

Ten mobile field service panel vans, equipped with diagnostic machinery and tools, were procured and distributed, to assist with breakdowns and remote services, on site, during and after office hours.

The National Treasury has confirmed the SAPS's participation, with regard to the RT- 46 Maintenance and Repair of SAPS Vehicles, from 1 April 2021, for a period of five years and this will assist in alleviating the challenges faced by the garages and improving vehicle availability.

A total of 88 new artisans were appointed, on 1 October 2020, to beef up the current personnel strength of the SAPS garages.

A total of 144 artisan posts were advertised, to address the shortage of artisans and supplement the ageing personnel. The interviews have been conducted and the approval for their appointment, is pending.

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