

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION 120

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

What measures has the SA Police Service put in place to afford greater protection to (a) SA Police Service (SAPS) officers and (b) the families of deceased SAPS officers considering that there has been an upsurge in attacks against police officers, of which 22 police officers died recently and attackers are becoming increasingly less fearful of murdering SAPS officers?

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REPLY:

(a)&(b) The South African Police Service (SAPS) considers attacks on its employees to be a high priority and is currently in the second year of implementing a five-year National Police Safety Strategy (NPSS). The NPSS aims to intensify and accelerate integrated efforts to address attacks, unnatural deaths and deaths related to national pandemics, of all the SAPS employees. In addition, paragraph 11(1) of the SAPS' Security Policy, No 3 of 2019, makes provision for and outlines the procedure that must be followed to assist and protect SAPS employees, including their families.

Paragraph 11(1) reads as follows: "The SAPS must, in instances of a threat to an employee or his or her family, make security measures available for the protection of the affected employee or his or her family".

The SAPS is conducting provincial and divisional compliance inspections (announced and unannounced), at all police stations and units, to ensure the state of readiness and compliance to police safety measures. Internal police safety education and awareness campaigns are rolled out to all SAPS members, to promote members' awareness of safety requirements.

The SAPS has declared the month of September to be the "Police Safety Month", to commemorate the SAPS members, who lost their lives in the line of duty. The SAPS Component: Employee Health and Wellness (EHW) is responsible for the rendering of services and intervention programmes at all

organisational levels, to support the families of SAPS members, who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Members are issued and trained in the use of various types of safety equipment, e.g. tongfas, handcuffs and pepper spray, to enable them to conduct their operational duties safely, effectively and efficiently. Various technical courses are also being presented, nationally and provincially, to equip SAPS members with the necessary skills to detect, avoid and respond to dangerous situations while on and off duty, if necessary. Operational members are obliged to maintain their firearm competency in order to ensure their deployment availability.

The SAPS Division: Supply Chain Management distributes official firearms, bullet resistant vests, riot helmets and shields, armadillo riot suits, tongfas, handcuffs, pepper spray, reflective jackets and retention cords, to provinces and divisions, for utilisation by SAPS operational members, while on duty.

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