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**1247. Ms Z Majozi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Whether he and/or the SA Police Service has any plans to address attacks on Emergency Medical Services personnel while on duty; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

A strategic planning session took place between the Department of Health (DoH) and the South African Police Service (SAPS), on 24 November 2018, in Polokwane to deliberate on the root causes of the problem and initiate relevant interventions.

An interdepartmental Safety and Security National Task Team, consisting of the SAPS, the DoH, the Department of Labour (DoL), the Department of Home Affair (OHA) and the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority(PSIRA) was establi9hed to support the DoH and embarked on visits to the affected provinces to assess the threat, in order to recommend proper interventions.

A National Joint Operational and Intelligence Structure (NATJOINTS) Priority Committee was established to monitor the incidences of attacks and harassment of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel and to recommend interventions, Iri line with the five pillar approach.

A National Crime Combating Forum (NCCF) Instruction, number 1 of 2021: Overarching Crime Combating Strategy, was registered to run, from 1 February 2021 to 31 March 2025.

The operational concept entails the stabilisation of crime in high crime police stations and clusters/districts, through an intelligence led geographical and organised crime approach.

Tactical Operational Centres were established in identified locations and hotspot areas to maintain a 24-hour presence, led by competent operational commanders to implement respective concepts and command the established multidisciplinary teams, implementing stabilization through the following concepts:

Pillar 1: Intelligence gathering, analysis and coordination.

Pillar 2: Proactive and high visibility approach.

Pillar 3: Combat and reaction approach.

Pillar 4: Reactive through detection, including organised crime approach.

Pillar 5: Communication.

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