

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY****QUESTION 1275**

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**1275. Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(a) On what basis and/or requirements are reservists allocated and (b) what number of applications for training as police reservist did his department receive for the (i) Actonville and (ii) Benoni Police Stations that have not been finalised and/or allocated in the past three years?

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**REPLY:**

(a) Reservists in the South African Police Service (SAPS) are recruited and appointed, in terms of National Instruction 3 of 2014. Potential reservists apply at the nearest police station to their place of residence and after finalisation of the training process, they are placed at the police station where they applied. A copy of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Revised Reservists System is attached.

(b)

<b>Police Station</b>	<b>Applications received, not yet finalised</b>
(i) Actonville	45
(ii) Benoni	10

During the past three years, the finalisation of appointment and training of reservists were affected by the following factors:

**Recruitment:**

- COVID-19 Disaster Management Act Regulations and protocols.
- Writing and passing of psychometric tests by applicants.
- Attending medical examinations by applicants.
- Final approval and appointment by the SAPS National Head Office.

**Training:**

- COVID-19 Disaster Management Act Regulations and protocols.

- o Changes to the Training Programme for the implementation of National Instruction, 3 of 2014, caused a delay in training.
- o Training is conducted on weekends and after hours, which affects the SAPS overtime budget.
- o The availability of suitable trainers.
- o The availability of training venues and facilities (fitness and shooting ranges).
- o The availability of ammunition.

In addition to the above factors, the recruiting of reservists was placed on hold, due to the re-enlistment project and the entry-level recruitment of graduates.

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