

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY**QUESTION 1319**

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1319. Mr A G Whitfield (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

With reference to the Combined DNA Index System, what (a) is the current status of the memorandum of agreement between the (i) Federal Bureau of Investigation and (ii) SA Police Service, (b) are the reasons for the delay in signing the specified memorandum, (c) alternatives are being considered and (d) are the relevant details?


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REPLY:

- (a)(i)(ii) The memorandum of agreement between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the South African Police Service (SAPS) has not been signed yet.
- (b) The matter was placed in temporary abeyance, pending the appointment of the new National Commissioner of the SAPS. The agreement will now be prioritised and processed for consideration and finalisation by the newly-appointed National Commissioner.
- (c) No alternative solution is considered to perform the familial searching of the forensic DNA profiles, loaded in the Missing and Unidentified Person Index in the National Forensic DNA Database, as required in the Criminal (Forensic Procedures) Amendment Act, 2013 (Act No. 37 of 2013).
- (d) The Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) solution, provided by the FBI at no cost, is validated and utilised by international law enforcement agencies, to perform, *inter alia*, familial searching. There are also no annual maintenance or upgrade fees that are applicable between the SAPS and the FBI, for the CODIS solution. Alternative solutions provided

by the private sector do exist, but are costly to acquire and require exorbitant fees to maintain.


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**MINISTER OF POLICE
GENERAL BH CELE, MP**

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