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**1342. Mr S C Motau (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

How many members of the VIP Protection Unit were assigned to the protection detail of (a) the President, (b) the Deputy President, (c) Cabinet Ministers and (d) all other VIPs in each of the (i) 2007-08 (ii) 2008-09, (iii) 2009-10 (iv) 2010-11 (v) 2011-12 and (vi) 2012-13 financial years?

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**REPLY:**

Please note that the President and Deputy President are protected by the Presidential Protection Service, and not the VIP Protection Service.

The members allocated to protect the President and Deputy President is called a protection package. The protection package consists of members with different protection tasks. The total numbers of members are allocated in terms of the risk category, which is determined by the risk profile of the VIP and varies in terms of the risks and threats involved.

The total number of members allocated to these VIPs will not be disclosed, as the disclosure of this information in itself can pose a serious risk to the effective protection of the President and Deputy President.