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**Mr RK Purdon (DA) to ask the Minister of State Security**

1. Whether, with reference to the reply of the President, Mr CM Ramaphosa, to the debate on the State of the Nation Address on 22 February 2018 to implement lifestyle audits, (a) she, (b) senior management service members in her department and/or any of the heads of entities reporting to her have undergone a lifestyle audit in the past three financial years; if not, have any plans been put in place to perform such audits; if so, in each case, what are the details of the (i) date of the lifestyle audit, (ii) name of the person undergoing the audit, (iii) name of the auditing firm conducting the audit and (iv) outcome of the audit;
2. Whether she will furnish Mr RK Purdon with copies of the lifestyle audit reports?

**RESPONSE:**

All employees of the SSA, including all levels of management, are subjected to extensive vetting every five years. The SSA also reserves the right to re-vet any of its employees during the course and scope of the five years should a need arise. Vetting is one of the core competencies of the SSA and is not outsourced to any service provider.

Information pertaining to vetting, as with other operational information of the SSA, forms part of the broader operational strategy of the agency and, therefore, as a matter of policy, the SSA does not disclose such information. It should, however, be observed that the SSA is overseen by the Joint Standing Committee on Intelligence (JSCI) and the Inspector General of Intelligence amongst other regulatory bodies.