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QUESTION 1503

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1503. Mr F Jacobs (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) Given that Community Police Forums (CPFs) in the Western Cape have recently lambasted the provincial government's moves to delegitimise and render them ineffective in favour of neighbourhood watches (details furnished), and noting that CPFs have also raised a grievance that the provincial government has shown a bias towards neighbourhood watches by allocating a R6 million budget towards these groups that would further intensify divisions between the two structures, what is the policy position of his department with regard to the coexistence of CPFs and neighbourhood watches;
- (2) whether his department has been informed and/or is taking action to resolve the dispute between CPFs and neighbourhood watches in the Western Cape; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) The Community Policing Forum's (CPF) relationship with neighbourhood watches in the Western Cape is such that, in terms of Section 6 of the Western Cape Community Safety Act, organisations should apply voluntarily to be accredited to the Department of Community Safety (DCS). This provides for a database of accredited neighbourhood watches. The accreditations are determined by both the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the DCS. However, there are other neighbourhood watches which elect not to be accredited. The police station is, therefore, responsible for the management and cooperation of all such neighbourhood watches. The SAPS, through the CPF's, work hand-in-hand with the neighbourhood watches in all the police precincts.

- (2) In instances where any conflict arises between the neighbourhood watch and community representatives, station management will intervene, and if not resolved, the SAPS Provincial Commissioner's office intervenes to find an amicable solution.

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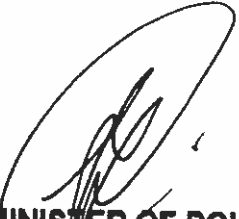


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**MINISTER OF POLICE
GENERAL BH CELE, MP**

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(details)

Hon F Jacobs, MP (ANC) asks the Minister of Police

Community police forums (CPFs) in the Western Cape have recently lambasted the provincial government's apparent political moves to delegitimise and render them ineffective in favour of neighbourhood watches. CPFs have also raised a grievance that the provincial government has shown a bias towards neighbourhood watches by allocating a R6 million budget towards these groups that would further intensify division between the two structures.

- (a) What is the policy position of the national Department of Police with regard to the coexistence of CPFs and neighbourhood watches?
- (b) Is the national department aware and taking action to resolve the dispute between CPFs and neighbourhood watches in the Western Cape? If not, why not? If it is, what are the relevant details?

<https://www.iol.co.za/weekend-argus/news/cpfs-are-being-targeted-politically-5f70f6d6-54a7-453f-8b29-3a9034b28fad>

F Jacobs, MP (ANC)

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