**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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For Written Reply

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**Mr B R Topham (DA) to ask the Minister of State Security:**

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1. What is the total amount of his department’s budget allocation for the State of the Nation Address (SONA) 2017;
2. Whether his department disbursed any other resources for SONA; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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The State Security Agency (SSA) participated in the security arrangements of the hosting the 2017 State of the Nation Address (SONA) in accordance with the constitution and other relevant legislation and its mandate as prescribed in the National Strategic Intelligence Act, 1994, amended by the GeneralIntelligence Laws Amendment Act, 2015.

The SSA furthermore rendered its services in the context of the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Cluster (JCPS) as guided by the National Joint Operational and Intelligence Structure (NATJOINTS). The purpose of such services is to ensure a safe and secure environment, and to mitigate risks associated with instability.

There was no specific allocation as the costs associated with this work came from the normal operational budget of the Agency.