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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1576**

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**1576. Ms A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) How many (a) police stations serve the Senqu Local Municipality in the Eastern Cape, (b) police officers are employed in each specified police station, (c) vehicles are assigned to each specified police station and (d) vehicles are in a functioning condition at each specified police station;

(2) whether any suspects escaped from police holding cells at each of the specified stations (a) in (i) 2011, (ii) 2012, (iii) 2013, (iv) 2014, (v) 2015 and (b) from 1 January 2016 to the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (i) how many suspects escaped in each of the specified stations in each of the specified years and (ii) what were the specified suspects apprehended for in each case;

(3) whether any of the suspects who escaped were apprehended again; if not, why not; if so, after how long?

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**REPLY:**

1. The South African Police Service is not structured according to Local Municipalities but according to Clusters and Police Stations. The tables below depict the actual personnel that worked at each of the specified stations, the allocated police vehicles and the condition of those vehicles:

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| **Senqu Local Municipality** | |
| **(a) Police Station** | **(b) Total Actual Personnel** |
| Palmietfontein | 47 |
| Phumalanga | 42 |
| Rhodes | 22 |
| Rossouw | 21 |
| Sterkspruit | 115 |
| Lady Grey | 45 |
| Barkly East | 62 |

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| **Senqu Local Municipality** | | | | | | | |
| **STATION** | **Total Actual Vehicles** | **Vehicles Recommend for board** | | **Vehicles in Workshop** | | **Grand Total** | |
| Palmietfontein | 10 | 2 | | 2 | | **14** | |
| Phumalanga | 6 | - | | 3 | | **9** | |
| Rhodes | 4 | 1 | | 1 | | **6** | |
| Rossouw | 2 | 3 | | 1 | | **6** | |
| Sterkspruit | 16 | 2 | | 9 | | **27** | |
| Lady Grey | 4 | - | | 5 | | **9** | |
| Barkly East | 9 | 2 | | 10 | | **21** | |
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(2)(a)(i) Yes

(2)(a)(ii) Yes

(2)(a)(iii) Yes

(2)(a)(iv) No

(2)(a)(v) Yes

(2)(b) Yes, from 1 January 2016 to 30 April 2016

(2)(b)(i)

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| **Year** | **Police Station** | **Number of escapees** |
| 2011 | Lady Grey | 1 |
| 2012 | Lady Grey | 1 |
| 2013 | Sterkspruit | 1 |
| 2014 | Not applicable | None |
| 2015 | Lady Grey | 2 |
| Sterkspruit | 1 |
| Sterkspruit | 1 |
| 1 January 2016 to 30 April 2016 | Sterkspruit | 1 |

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| **Year** | **Police Station** | **Reason for apprehension** | |
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|  | | **Charge** | **CAS** |
| 2011 | Lady Grey | Housebreaking and theft | CAS 20/04/2011 |
| 2012 | Lady Grey | Possession of dagga | CAS 21/06/2012 |
| 2013 | Sterkspruit | Murder | CAS 139/10/2012 |
| 2014 | Not applicable | None | None |
| 2015 | Lady Grey | Robbery | CAS 62/12/2014 |
| Sterkspruit | House Robbery | CAS 76/02/2016 |
| Sterkspruit | Rape | CAS 144/09/2015 |
| 1 Jan to 30 April 2016 | Sterkspruit | Rape | CAS 5/04/2016 |

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| **Year** | **Police Station** | **Suspect apprehended again; if not, why not; if so after how long** |
| 2011 | Lady Grey | Yes, within 24 hours |
| 2012 | Lady Grey | Yes, within a month |
| 2013 | Sterkspruit | No, police are still tracing the escapee |
| 2014 | None | Not applicable |
| 2015 | Lady Grey | Yes, within a month |
| Sterkspruit | Yes, within 48 hours |
| Sterkspruit | No, police are still tracing the escapee |
| 1 Jan to 30 April 2016 | Sterkspruit | Yes, within 48 hours |