

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1607**

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**1607. Dr M M Gondwe (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) With reference to the finding of the Office of the Auditor-General that at least 5 812 public servants fraudulently applied for and received the R350 Social Relief of Distress Grant, what (a) informed the decision to investigate only 242 of the implicated public servants, (b) is the current status of the specified investigations and (c) date will the investigations be concluded;
- (2) whether the SA Police Service is providing updates to Department of Public Service and Administration on the progress of the investigations and their outcomes; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

- (1)(a) The South African Police Service (SAPS) is not aware of any decision taken to investigate only 242 of the implicated public servants. To date, 20 alleged fraudulent applications were referred to the SAPS by the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA), for investigation.
- (1)(b) The abovementioned 20 cases are still under investigation.
- (1)(c) It is envisaged that the investigations in the abovementioned 20 cases will be finalised, within the next three months.
- (2) Progress in the abovementioned cases is provided during weekly meetings, held at the SAPS' Fusion Centre. The Department of Public Service and Administration is an integral part of these meetings.

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

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