### **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

## **FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

## **QUESTION 1634**

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## 1634. Mr D Joseph (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) On what (a) date will the crime prevention ministerial reports of imbizos held in Manenberg, Heideveld and Khayelitsha in the City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality in March 2022 be made available to community policing forums and (b) what steps were taken after the imbizos in order to deal with gang violence and outstanding rape cases at the Manenberg Police Station;
- on what legislation does the SA Police Service (SAPS) rely to deal specifically with gang operations in communities;
- (3) whether the SAPS has intelligence units that deal with gangs that are involved in criminal activities; if not, why not; if so, what number of arrests were made in Manenberg from 1 April 2021 to March 2022?

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#### REPLY:

- (1)(a) The South African Police Service (SAPS) in the Western Cape compiles an action log of all the concerns raised by attending community members. Senior managers from the provincial office or the relevant police stations are appointed and tasked, to address and resolve the concerns. Feedback is provided to the communities.
- (1)(b) An operational plan was compiled and executed in collaboration with Law Enforcement, Metro Police and Traffic authorities to address gang violence and stabilise the Manenberg policing precinct. Rape cases, under investigation, were prioritised to finalise outstanding investigations. The tracing of outstanding known suspects are ongoing. Meetings between prosecutors and the South African Police Service (SAPS) Management are ongoing, to address matters which are on the court roll for a long time and outstanding decisions.

- (2) The SAPS relies on the following legislation, to deal specifically with gang operations in communities:
  - o The SAPS Act, 1995 (Act No. 68 of 1995)
  - The Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act No. 1 of 1977)
  - The Prevention of Organised Crime Act (Act 121 of 1998 and Act 29 of 2004)
  - o The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996
  - o The Intimidation Act, 1982 (Act No. 72 of 1982)
  - The Dangerous Weapons Act, 2000 (Act No. 60 of 2000)
  - The Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act No. 60 of 2000)
  - The Regulation of Gatherings Act, 1993 (Act No. 205 of 1993)
  - The Drug and Drug Trafficking Act, 1992 (Act No. 140 of 1992)
  - o Continuous monitoring by the Provincial Organised Crime.
- (3) Yes, the SAPS has intelligence units that deal with gangs that are involved in criminal activities. A total number of 868 arrests were made, in Manenberg, from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

Reply to question 1634 recommended/not recommended

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MINISTER OF POLICE
GENERAL BH CELE, MP

Date: