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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION 1682**

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**1682. Mr C Brink (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Whether dedicated units have been established in the SA Police Service to combat the extortion of construction companies and municipalities by individuals purporting to represent local communities, commonly known as the construction mafia; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what resources have been allocated to each unit?

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**REPLY:**

There are currently no dedicated units, in the South African Police Service (SAPS), to combat the extortion of construction companies and municipalities. It is currently investigated, within the Organised Crime Investigations of the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI) and the Detective Service. The establishment of extortion teams is currently under investigation and will form part of the Organised Crime Investigation units, when it is approved.

Reply to question 1682 recommended/

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