

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**FOR WRITTEN REPLY****QUESTION 1704**

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1704. Ms A M Siwisa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:

In light of the fact that cases related to gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) are on the rise daily in the Republic, what (a) plans have been put in place to train new police recruits on GBVF issues and (b) is the gender balance in the group of new police recruits?

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REPLY:

- (a) During the Basic Police Development Learning Programme (BPDLP) all new South African Police Service (SAPS) recruits are trained to effectively deal with crime prevention, as well as complaints and cases of gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) against vulnerable groups. A number of courses are included in the curriculum for BPDLP, which newly-recruited members are trained in. There are courses such as Domestic Violence, Sexual Offences Act, Victim Empowerment and Human Rights, which form an integral part of the programmes that address GBVF, in the BPDLP.

After completion of the BPDLP, selected SAPS members are subjected to further and/or specialised in-service training courses in these fields, to improve their skills and enhance service delivery at selected priority points. They are also trained on preventative measures for GBVF-related crime and crime in general, to effectively deal with complaints of violence, against vulnerable groups.

During the detective service training that is provided by the SAPS, all detectives are trained to investigate any type of crime, including GBVF and to utilise the available investigative support that is provided by Crime Intelligence, specialised Canine (K9) Services and Forensic Science Services. A whole array of Intelligence and Forensic Courses are presented to equip the members

working in these support services, to provide effective support services to detectives.

Over and above the basic detective training, specialised investigation courses are presented to selected detectives to improve the skills of specialist investigators to deal with cases of GBVF and crimes against vulnerable groups. These specialised in-service training courses are aimed at enabling the SAPS' detectives to effectively investigate complaints of violence against women and children.

The 2022/2023 Training Provisioning Plan (TPP) contains preventative measures for GBV-related crime and crime in general and 226 training interventions will be presented, with 3 736 learners attending. The 2022/2023 TPP aims to have 29 training interventions to effectively deal with complaints of violence against vulnerable groups that will be presented, with 3 269 learners attending.

- (b) The current gender balance in the group of new SAPS recruits attending training, is 6 136 males and 3 669 females.

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