

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1724**

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**1724. Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) Whether air support was rendered by the SA Police Service during the floods in KwaZulu-Natal; if not, why not; if so, (a) what type of aircraft and/or helicopter was used, (b) on what date was each aircraft and/or helicopter used and (c) what was the nature of each specified application;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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**REPLY:**

- (1) Yes, air support was rendered by the South African Police Service (SAPS) during the floods in KwaZulu-Natal.
  - (a) Three helicopters and one fixed wing aeroplane were used.
  - (b) Aircraft ZS-RZS, a H125 Squirrel Helicopter, was used on the following dates: 2022-04-12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

Aircraft ZS-RZN, a H125 Squirrel Helicopter, was used on the following dates: 2022-04-14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24 and 25.

Aircraft ZS-RIC, a Robinson R44 Helicopter, was used on the following dates: 2022-04-14, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25 and 26.

Aircraft PC6 ZS-OLO, fixed-wing Pilatus Porter, was used on the following dates: 2022-04-14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 25.

- (c) The nature and dates of each specified application, are as follows:

Helicopter H125 ZS-RZS

2022-04-12 Search and Rescue (S&R)  
2022-04-13 (S&R and transport)  
2022-04-14 (S&R)  
2022-04-17 (S&R)  
2022-04-18 (S&R)  
2022-04-19 (S&R and transport)  
2022-04-20 (S&R and transport)  
2022-04-21 (S&R)  
2022-04-22 (S&R)  
2022-04-23 (S&R)  
2022-04-25 (S&R)  
2022-04-26 (S&R)  
2022-04-27 (S&R)  
2022-04-28 (S&R)

Helicopter H125 ZS-RZN

2022-04-14 (S&R)  
2022-04-15 (S&R)  
2022-04-16 (S&R and transport)  
2022-04-17 (S&R)  
2022-04-18 (S&R)  
2022-04-19 (S&R)  
2022-04-20 (S&R)  
2022-04-23 (S&R)  
2022-04-24 (S&R)  
2022-04-25 (S&R)

Helicopter R44 ZS-RIC

2022-04-14 (S&R)  
2022-04-20 (S&R)  
2022-04-21 (S&R)  
2022-04-23 (S&R)

2022-04-24 (S&R)  
2022-04-25 (S&R)  
2022-04-26 (S&R)

Pilatus Porter PC6 ZS-OLO  
2022-04-14 (S&R)  
2022-04-15 (S&R)  
2022-04-17 (S&R)  
2022-04-18 (S&R)  
2022-04-19 (S&R and Transport)  
2022-04-20 (S&R and Transport)  
2022-04-21 (S&R)  
2022-04-22 (S&R)  
2022-04-23 (S&R)  
2022-04-25 (S&R)


(2) The Minister of Police will decide if he will make a statement on this matter.

Reply to question 1724 recommended/~~not recommended~~

  
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MINISTER OF POLICE  
GENERAL BH CELE, MP

Date: 27/05/2022