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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1737**

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**1737. Mrs E N Ntlangwini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Whether employees in supply chain management in Silverton were informed that they should not come to the office if they have been in contact with someone who tested positive for Covid-19 and/or have symptoms of the virus; if not, are employees who are awaiting their Covid-19 test results expected to come to work; if so, how was this communicated to employees?

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**REPLY:**

Yes, the South African Police Service (SAPS) employees, within the Division: Supply Chain Management (SCM), in Silverton, are constantly being informed that they should not come to the office if they have been in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 and/or have symptoms of the Coronavirus.

The National Commissioner issued a directive, on 7 May 2020, followed by a directive by the Divisional Commiasioner: SCM, on 27 May 2020, emphasising that strict COVID-19 protocols must be followed and that employees are not allowed to report for duty if they have been in contact with someone, who tested positive for COVID-19.

The employees of the Division: SCM are regularly sensitised and informed to adhere to the Protocols of COVID-19. The Divisional Commissioner: SCM acknowledges the seriousness of this pandemic, therefore, strict measures are in place to ensure that all employees and visitors, entering the premises of the Division: SCM, are screened, prior to entering the building, their vehicles are sanitised and they are wearing the compulsory face masks.

Employees who are awaiting their COVID-19 test results, are not expected back at work, until they receive their results and the results are negative.

Reply to question 1737 recommended/

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