

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION 1804

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1804. Mr B N Herron (Good) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) Whether, noting that the City of Cape Town's Special Investigating Unit (SIU) that is also known as the Safety and Security Investigating Unit (SSIU), is not a municipal police service but conducts criminal investigation and gathers intelligence information and taking into account that members of the SIU and/or SSIU are not members of a municipal police service, the SA Police Service (SAPS) deem them to be peace officers; if not, how do they exercise the powers conferred on peace officers in terms of the law; if so, in terms of what provisions of (a) the specified Act and (b) any other legislation does the SAPS rely to deem them as such;
- (2) what total number of members of the City of Cape Town's SIU and/or SSIU are recognised by the SAPS as peace officers?

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REPLY:


- (1)(a) Section 334 of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act No. 51 of 1977).
- (1)(b) Government Notice number 1114 of 19 October 2018, as published in Government Gazette 41982.
- (2) The City of Cape Town submits applications to the South African Police Service (SAPS) for Certificates of Competency to exercise the prescribed powers as a Peace Officer, based on the fact that the person will be employed as a Law Enforcement Officer. These applications do not refer to a specific unit or component within Law Enforcement, in the City of Cape Town. The SAPS is, therefore, not able to provide a total.

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**MINISTER OF POLICE
GENERAL BH CELE, MP**
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