

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1806**

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**1806. Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) Whether the SA Police Service purchased any drones to be used for rural security as stated in the rural security strategy; if not, why not; if so, (a) what total number of drones were purchased and (b) where are they used;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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**REPLY:**

- (1) The South African Police Service (SAPS) is in the process of purchasing drones to be used as part of policing, including rural areas, as per the implementation requirements of the Rural Safety Strategy.
  - (1)(a) The SAPS is planning to purchase a total of 166 drones, in three phases, for use in various policing environments.
  - (1)(b) The current proposed model for drone deployment in phases 1, 2 and 3, will include 43 localities, which include specialised units, the Provincial Operational Command Centres (POCC), the District Operational Command Centres (DOCC) and Safer City Projects, with satellite drone units serving various police stations. The Rural Safety Committees at police station and district levels, will include the utilisation of drones in their rural safety plans.
- (2) The Minister of Police will decide whether to make a statement, in this regard.

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

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