

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY**QUESTION 1885**

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1885. Ms Z Majozi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Police:

With reference to the home of a top SA Police Service (SAPS) official (name and details furnished) that was recently robbed and items worth R400 000 allegedly having been stolen, what measures have been put in place for ordinary citizens to trust that the Police are equipped and capable enough to protect them, notwithstanding the fact that top SAPS officials can be robbed at gunpoint in this manner?

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REPLY:

The South African Police Service (SAPS) renders police services in 1 159 police station areas. In each police station area, resources are deployed to execute its constitutional mandate to prevent, combat and investigate crime, maintain public order, protect and secure the inhabitants of the Republic and their property, and uphold the constitution and enforce the law.

The SAPS works closely with communities in all police station areas to address community concerns and to improve community safety. Every police station analyses its own crime patterns and trends, to ensure that policing operations in the station area respond to these crime patterns and trends. Crime reported to the SAPS must be thoroughly investigated and evidence gathered, in order to arrest and bring the perpetrators before a court of law.

Members of the SAPS, in their personal capacity and at their private residences, are not immune to crime and criminality that impact on South African communities. SAPS members who are off duty and at home, are not provided with any specific security measures or assistance other than what their training affords them. The SAPS does provide assistance to members to ensure that any police firearm issued to them as personal equipment, is stored in a wall mounted safe, as required by the Firearms

Control Act, 2000. Any other security measures at the residence of a police member are provided for by the specific member.

If any SAPS member, or their commander, is of the opinion that due to the nature of their work, they are at risk of being targeted by criminals, for example in the case of detectives required to present evidence in court against organised crime syndicates, a threat and risk assessment may be conducted. Measures may then be implemented, based on the findings of the threat and risk assessment.

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

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