

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION 1921

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1921. Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) Whether, in light of the theft of cables and other infrastructure, he intends to establish specialist units to protect the infrastructure; if not, why not; if so, (a) by what date and (b) what total number of specialist units;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes, the intention is to establish specialised multi-disciplinary Economic Infrastructure units (EIU's) upon the completion of a work study investigation (WSI) that will determine the organisational placement, functional responsibilities, as well as the required human and physical resources.

Awaiting the finalisation of the WSI, multi-disciplinary Economic Infrastructure Task Teams will be established, consisting of the following disciplines:

- Intelligence Operatives and Operational Information Analysts.
- Experienced and trained operatives within the Visible Policing and Operations environment.
- Experienced Investigators from General and Organised Crime Investigation, as well as the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI).
- Experts from Biology, Ballistics, Chemistry, Scientific Units and the Criminal Record Centre.
- Any other capability needed to successfully address economic infrastructure-related crimes and extortion.

These Task Teams are to be established in 18 identified districts, across all provinces. These Task Teams will be piloted for a period not exceeding two years and reviewed after a period of 18 months.

(1)(a) The WSI is to be concluded by the end of the 2022/2023 financial year and will be considered for implementation by 2023/2024.

(1)(b) The number of specialised units to be established in this environment, is dependent on the outcome of the WSI.


(2) Yes, a statement will be made once the WSI findings and recommendations are available for consideration and/or approval.

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MINISTER OF POLICE
GENERAL BH CELE, MP
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