

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1998**

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**1998. Mrs Y N Yako (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What (a) measures has the SA Police Service put in place for dealing with cold murder cases and (b) relief is offered to families who are left wanting and/or have had no closure, especially in instances where murder cases with overwhelming evidence, are not resolved?

**REPLY:**

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- (a) The South African Police Service (SAPS) has established Cold Case Units to specifically address cases of this nature. All of the available evidence is gathered during the investigation and is thoroughly assessed before submission of the case dockets to court, for prosecution.
- (b) The SAPS refers victims of crime to government departments, as well as various non-governmental organisations (NGOs), including the following:
- Thutuzela Care Centres - one-stop centres for victims of sexual offences.
  - Unchain our Children - providing therapy to children.
  - Department of Social Development - for all victims of crime, with regard to traumacounselling and debriefing.
  - Child Line - consulting with the public and providing therapy to children and adults.
  - Jelly Beanz - trauma therapy for children and adults.
  - Teddy Bear Clinic - therapy and court preparation.
  - Matla-A-Bana - counselling and professional therapy to all victims of crime.

The victim friendly facilities at police stations are in contact with officials from the Department of Social Development, who render trauma debriefing services to victims of crime, as well the professional support services that are provided by various NGOs.

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