NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION 2141

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2141. Mr B N Herron (Good) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) Whether, with reference to his budget vote speech on 24 May 2022 wherein he referred to 100 Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) cases being investigated by the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI), of which 76 are still under investigation, while 17 have been referred to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) and 7 are in a court process, and noting that the TRC recommended that about 300 cases of apartheid-era atrocities, where no amnesty was applied for and/or granted, be investigated for possible prosecution, he has found that there has been a delay of two decades in referring the specified cases for investigation; if not, how have the cases been investigated since the TRC made its recommendations; if so, what are the reasons for the delay:
- (2) what are the reasons that (a) there is a discrepancy between the number of cases recommended by the TRC for investigation and the number of cases currently under investigation and (b) the DPCI is not investigating all of the cases recommended for investigation by the TRC;
- (3) how were the 100 cases, from among the approximately 300, selected for investigation;
- (4) what is the status of those cases not currently under investigation;
- (5) which cases are currently (a) before court, (b) referred to the NPA and (c) under investigation by the DPCI?

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REPLY:

- (1) The delay was caused by non-prioritisation, from 2003 until 2017. The Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI), in collaboration with the national Prosecuting Authority (NPA) have now prioritised these cases.
- (2)(a) There are no discrepancies, the DPCI receive cases as they are referred to them by the NPA for investigation.
- (2)(b) The 100 cases are those which were referred to the DPCI for investigation.

- (3) The criteria is determined by the NPA when selecting TRC priority matters that should be referred to the DPCI for investigation.
- (4) They shall be investigated upon referral.
- (5)(a) There are seven cases before court.
- (5)(b) A total number of 23 have been referred to the NPA for a decision.
- (5)(c) A total number of 70 are under investigation by the DPCI.

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