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**2191. Dr G A Grootboom (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What is the shortage of (a) public order policing vehicles and (b) trained public order policing unit members in the (i) Empangeni, (ii) Richard’s Bay, (iii) Melmoth, (iv) Esikhawini, (v) Eshowe and (vi) Mtunzini Police Stations?

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**REPLY:**

(a) Public Order Policing (POP) vehicles:

(i) Empangeni – Shortage of eight vehicles at POP Unit.

(ii) Richard’s Bay – No POP Unit.

(iii) Melmoth – No POP Unit.

(iv) Esikhawini – No POP Unit.

(v) Eshowe – No POP Unit.

(vi) Mtunzini – No POP Unit.

(b) Trained Public Order Policing unit members:

(i) Empangeni – No shortage of trained POP members.

(ii) Richard’s Bay – No POP Unit.

(iii) Melmoth – No POP Unit.

(iv) Esikhawini – No POP Unit.

(v) Eshowe – No POP Unit.

(vi) Mtunzini – No POP Unit.

The following Police Stations; (i) Empangeni, (ii) Richard’s Bay, (iii) Melmoth, (iv) Esikhawini, (v) Eshowe and (vi) Mtunzini, are serviced by the Empangeni POP Unit.

The shortage of vehicles at the Empangeni POP Unit, is eight vehicles, which are in the process of being boarded. There are 34 vehicles allocated to the unit, which is sufficient. However, the boarding of the eight vehicles causes a shortage, in terms of vehicles allocated, versus actual.

In terms of the Fixed Establishment (FE), there is no shortage of trained POP members, at the Empangeni POP Unit.