

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION 2293

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2293. Mr A M Seabi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police [337] [Question submitted for oral reply now placed for written reply because it is in excess of quota (Rule 137(8))]:

What are the relevant details of the relationship that his department has with sister departments such as the Department of Human Settlements, Department of Cooperative Government and Traditional Affairs and local government for the purposes of crime prevention in view of the increasing population and growing informal settlements giving rise to ever increasing challenges for policing such as poor spatial planning and environmental design that can be attributed to the spike in crime in the Republic?

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REPLY:

The National Joint Operational and Intelligence Structure (NATJOINTS) Priority Committees are mandated to address instability issues affecting the crime and the security of the State, focussing on, but not limited to the following issues, to ensure an integrated and multi-departmental approach:

- Community protests.
- Land demarcation issues.
- Transport Sector e.g. Taxi routes.
- Labour.
- Anti-foreigner sentiments.
- Elections, etc.

The Department of Human Settlements, the Department of Cooperative Government and Traditional Affairs and Local Government (SALGA) are co-opted to the NATJOINTS and involved in integrated contingency planning sessions to ensure prior planning and operational readiness. These issues are also discussed at both the Provincial Joint Operational and Intelligence Structure (PROVJOINTS) and District levels.

In addition to the abovementioned, a formal partnership has been established between the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the National House of Traditional Leaders, through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), in 2016.

To activate and implement the partnership, the Traditional Policing Concept was initiated. The focus of the concept is to improve policing services in rural areas through the establishment of contact points at Tribal Authority offices, provide Mobile Service Centres and include Traditional Council representatives in the Community Police Fora in rural and rural/urban police stations.

The Inter-Ministerial Task Team (work stream 3): Promoting Unity, Social Cohesion and Nation-Building in Rural Communities has also been established to address matters raised by Traditional and Khoi-San Leaders, to the President of South Africa. The SAPS is participating in the aforementioned work stream, in a coordinated effort with other government departments, to address these issues raised by the Traditional and Khoi-San leaders. Included amongst these issues is the killing of Traditional Leaders, which has been prioritised by the SAPS.

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