

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 232**

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**232. Mr N P Masipa (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) (a) What is the status regarding the investigation on Matlala Police Station in Limpopo that was gutted by fire in 2020 and (b) on what date is it envisaged that he will find an alternative place of work for the police officers;
- (2) whether he intends to rebuild the specified police station; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he has considered using Aganang Local Municipality offices that are not being used; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

- (1)(a) The investigation into the fire at the South African Police Service (SAPS) Matlala police station was finalised and it was determined that the cause of the fire was due to an electrical fault.
- (1)(b) A mobile Community Service Centre (CSC) was provided to the Matlala police station and the SAPS' official housing for married quarters, were converted into offices. Two offices, on the side of the burnt building, were not affected by the fire and are still in use.

The Aganang Local Municipality offices were identified as alternative space for the members of the Matlala police station. These offices were visited by the SAPS Limpopo Provincial Facility Manager, Supply Chain Management (SCM), and it was found that the accommodation is suitable for use by the members of the Matlala police station.

The request for the use of the identified accommodation by the Matlala police station was, however, not approved by Kgoshigadi Matlala, the local Traditional Leader, in the Ga-Matlala area, as she was not in favour of the SAPS being moved out of her community.

Me. Matlala offered alternative accommodation, in the Ga-Matlala Traditional Council Village. The proposed alternative accommodation was inspected by a team from the SAPS Capricorn District and the Provincial Facility Manager, and

it was found there was a constant influx of people accessing the proposed building and the library, which would impact negatively on the SAPS' ability to render a service to the public.

- (2) The need for a police station has been captured on the Limpopo Province: User Asset Management Plan (UAMP) and submitted to the Divisional Commissioner: SCM. A Capital Works project for the restoration of the building, WCS 056381, has been registered with the National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (NDPWI) and it is currently in the planning and design phase.

As an alternative temporary arrangement, the Division: SCM is in the process of procuring mobile offices, for the Matlala police station.

- (3) The use of the Aganang Local Municipality offices by members of the Matlala police station, was not approved and interrupted by Kgoshigadi Matlala.

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