

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY****QUESTION 239**

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239. Mr B C Golding (DA) to ask the Minister of Police: [★34] [Question submitted for oral reply now placed for written reply because it is more than quota (Rule 137(8))]

What are the details of the contingency plans that the SA Police Service (SAPS) has put in place to ensure the safety of citizens and SAPS officers following the recent breakdown of the communication systems and radio networks of the SAPS in the Western Cape?

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**REPLY:**

The South African Police Service (SAPS) is providing continuous preventative maintenance and support at all the SAPS Radio High Sites, as well as installed radio infrastructure and terminals, to sustain the condition of the installed critical communication equipment. SAPS has in-house radio technicians who are providing such technical support.

SAPS deploys alternative radio communication solutions, within the affected policing precincts to ensure that communities within such service areas are receiving policing services, as required.

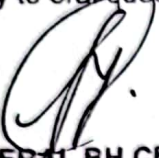
As an interim solution to mitigate the current challenges, digital handheld radios were procured and deployed in the Radio Room and police stations in the City of Cape Town. The implementation of the Western Cape Digital Radio Communication Infrastructure is scheduled to be operational by August 2024.

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