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**QUESTION 2406**

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**2406. Mr D America (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Is the (a) SA Police Service or (b) any investigative body or entity in his department currently considering the (i) break-in at the Office of the Chief Justice in March 2017, (ii) break-in at the SA Broadcasting Corporation’s offices at Parliament in April 2017, (iii) break-in at the headquarters of the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation in July 2017, (iv) break-in at the National Prosecuting Authority offices on Church Square in July 2017, (v) robbery at the office of the Chief Prosecutor at the Pretoria Magistrate’s Court, (vi) break-in at an office in the National Council of Provinces in July 2017 and/or (vii) any sub-set of the specified incidents as linked; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

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**REPLY:**

(a)(b) There is a team consisting of members from the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI) and the Gauteng Provincial Detectives, who are working together on some of the cases.

1. The break-in at the Office of the Chief Justice, in March 2017, is being investigated by the South African Police Service (SAPS), under Midrand CAS 567/03/2017.
2. The break-in at the South African Broadcasting Corporation’s (SABC) offices at Parliament, in April 2017, is being investigated by the SAPS, under Cape Town Central, CAS 1351/04/2017.

(iii)(iv)(v) The team, consisting of members from the DPCI and the Gauteng Provincial Detectives, is investigating break-ins at the offices of DPCI, Silverton; NPA offices, in Church Square and the Chief Prosecutor’s office, in Pretoria Magistrates Court.

(vi) The break-in at an office in the National Council of Provinces (NCOP), in July 2017, is being investigated by the SAPS, under Cape Town Central CAS 1823/07/2017.

(vii) The break-ins at the NPA offices, in Church Street and the Chief Prosecutor’s office, in Pretoria Magistrates Court, are linked. The suspects, who were arrested for the NPA Church Street break-in, are the same suspects who broke-in at the Chief Prosecutors Office at the Pretoria Magistrates Court. The arrested suspects are in custody and will appear in the Pretoria Regional Court, on 21 September 2017.