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**QUESTION 2409**

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**2409. Mr M Bagraim (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Has (a) the SA Police Service or (b) any investigative body or entity in his department identified any suspects in relation to 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 and/or (vi) break-in at an office in the National Council of Provinces in July 2017; if not, in each case, why not; if so, (aa) have they taken a statement from the suspects in question and (bb) by what date are they expecting to make an arrest?

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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 the cases.

(i)(aa) One suspect was arrested, on 24 March 2017 and his warning statement was taken.

(i)(bb) Not applicable.

(ii)(aa) No suspects have been identified thus far. Fingerprint results were negative.

(ii)(bb) The case docket has been closed, as undetected as a suspect has not yet been identified. However, should new evidence emerge, the docket will be reopened for investigation.

(iii)(aa)(bb) No suspects have been identified as of yet. The three suspects, seen on the video footage, were wearing balaclavas and gloves, and cannot be positively identified.

(iv)(v)(aa)(bb) Two suspects were arrested and their warning statements were taken. The suspects appeared in court, on 7 August 2017. The case was remanded to 21 September 2017, for further investigation and they were not granted bail.

(vi)(aa) No suspects have been arrested, thus far. However, positive fingerprint results have been obtained.

(vi)(bb) The matter is still under investigation.