

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY****FOR WRITTEN REPLY****QUESTION 2501**

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**2501. Ms G P Marekwa (ANC) to ask the Minister of Police: [326]**

**[Question submitted for oral reply now placed for written reply because it is in excess of quota (Rule 137(8))]**

**What (a) measures have been taken to reinforce security at the borders of the Republic in the fight against sophisticated syndicates in order to combat the illicit and diverse drug activities and (b) has he found is the current progress of the initiatives taken?**

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**REPLY:**

- (a) The following measures have been taken to reinforce security at the borders of the Republic in the fight against sophisticated syndicates, in order to combat illicit and diverse drug activities:**
- Weekly crime prevention and combating operations are conducted, to prevent, combat, detect and investigate transnational crimes, by focusing on priority crimes such as: illegal firearms, stolen vehicles and to fight against sophisticated syndicates, in order to combat illicit and diverse drug activities.**
  - The prevention and combating of illegal cross border migration, illegal consignments, illegal transportation of marine-life resources, precious metals and stones, as well as stock theft.**
  - Ensuring that the operational profiling and searching of vehicles, cargo and containers are conducted at all land, air and sea ports, to search for the illegal facilitation of persons, contraband, illicit goods/drugs and/or stolen robbed property.**
  - The collaboration and sharing of information with the Trilateral States and other countries in the region by Trilateral Planning Cell (TPC) under the United Nation Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC), with regard to drug traffickers has increased the detection rate of drug-related crimes. The**

purpose of this is the disruption of organised crime networks associated with the drug-trafficking, within the SADC region and beyond.

- o Crime Intelligence and the intelligence capabilities of the Trilateral States and other countries in the region, form part of the TPC, which enhances the gathering and sharing of information regarding drug smugglers in the region and the targeting of identified drug-traffickers.
- (b) Regular successes are made with regard to drugs that are seized at the borders, as well as inside the country before delivery of the drugs can take place. This is achieved by means of the gathering and sharing of information within the TPC and other avenues. The continued capacitating of SAPS members by training is adding quality to operations at the borders.

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