

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY**QUESTION 253**

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253. Rev K R J Meshoe (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Police: [★55] [Question submitted for oral reply now placed for written reply because it is more than quota (Rule 137(8))]

What are the full details of the strategy that he has put in place to root out corruption in the ranks of the SA Police Service (SAPS), which includes a tendency by members of the SAPS to accept bribes from drug lords and thereby allowing for the proliferation of drugs in the Republic?

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REPLY:

The South African Police Service (SAPS) has two strategies in place to enhance the response to and manage measures relating to the ethical conduct of SAPS members and the implementation of proactive and reactive measures, to address corruption in the Department, namely - the Ethics Management Strategy, and the Fraud and Corruption Prevention Strategy.


The Ethics Management Strategy, the purpose of which is to enhance ethics and reinforce discipline in the SAPS, includes the following key initiatives:

- Ethical leadership, which includes a programme to rebuild trust in leadership, make ethics part of leadership work, and strengthen ethics governance structures.
- Professionalisation, which focuses on ensuring that the right people enter the organisation, the systematic raising of professional standards, and the promotion of professional pride in the SAPS.
- Discipline Management, which focuses on ensuring consistency in disciplinary processes, improving the information management of disciplinary processes, and enhancing stakeholder relations.
- The implementation of an Ethics Management Programme, which addresses the organisational capacity to manage ethics, the raising of knowledge and awareness of ethics in SAPS, the promoting of a "speak-up culture", and active management of conflicts-of-interest.

The Fraud and Corruption Prevention Strategy, the purpose of which is to protect the SAPS from the economic, reputational and legal risks that are associated with the commission of fraud and corruption in the Department, and which includes the following four key focus areas:

- Prevention of fraud and corruption, with the focus on enhancing ethical, transparent and an accountable conduct, within the SAPS.
- Detection of fraud and corruption, to ensure that corruption and fraud are proactively detected, that SAPS employees respect the rule of law and are empowered to report fraud and corruption, in any area within the SAPS.
- Investigation of fraud and corruption, focusing on the thorough investigation of all detected and reported cases of fraud and corruption, thereby maintaining a zero tolerance to fraud and corruption, in any sphere of activity within the SAPS.
- Resolution of fraud and corruption, to make sure that the root causes of corruption and fraud are addressed, thereby ensuring the sustained reduction of levels of corruption and fraud.

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