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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2531**

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**2531. Mr M H Redelinghuys (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) What (a) is the current status of the investigations into (i) CAS 1277/9/2016 and (ii) CAS 1344/9/2016 opened at the Pretoria Central Police Station and (b) are the charges contained in each docket;

(2) whether any suspects have been arrested to date; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;

(3) whether any (a) suspects or (b) witnesses have been interviewed; if not, in each case, why not; if so, (i) by what date and (ii) what are the further relevant details in each case;

(4) on what date will the specified investigations be finalised?

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**REPLY:**

(1)(a)(i) The investigation into Pretoria Central CAS 1277/09/2016 has been concluded and the case docket was handed in at the office of the Senior Public Prosecutor at the Pretoria Magistrate’s Court for decision on 14 November 2016. The decision on prosecution is awaited.

(1)(a)(ii) The investigation into Pretoria Central CAS 1344/09/2016 has not yet been concluded. The suspect must still be interviewed and a warning statement obtained. Some witnesses still need to be interviewed and their statements obtained.

(1)(b) The charge in both cases is Assault Common.

(2) No suspects were arrested on any of the two cases as the Criminal Procedure Act, 1997 (Act No. 51 of 1997), does not make provision for a member of the South African Police Service to arrest a suspect on a charge of Assault Common unless the crime was committed in his/her presence.

(3)(a)(i & ii) The suspect in Pretoria Central CAS 1277/09/2016 was interviewed on 20 October 2016 and his warning statement obtained.

The suspect in Pretoria Central CAS 1344/09/2016 has not yet been interviewed. As soon as all the witness statements have been obtained, the suspect will be interviewed and the warning statement obtained. The case docket will then be forwarded to the Senior Public Prosecutor for a decision.

(3)(b)(i & ii) Three witnesses were interviewed in Pretoria Central CAS 1277/09/2016.

Eight witnesses were interviewed in Pretoria Central CAS 1344/09/2016 and all indicated that they will submit statements through their Attorneys.

(4) The investigation into Pretoria Central CAS 1277/09/2016 has been concluded.

It is envisaged that the investigation in the case docket Pretoria Central CAS 1344/09/20146 will be concluded within the next two weeks.