

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLYQUESTION 256

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256. Mr T Loate (Cope) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether, since 27 February 2018 when he became the Minister of Police, effective collaboration and/or partnership with (a) communities, (b) state-owned enterprises, (c) private security firms, (d) local authorities and (e) others had been forged to (i) obtain intelligence and (ii) enhance enforcement efforts; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what successes has he found were obtained in each case?

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**REPLY:** (a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(i)(ii)

Yes, effective collaboration has been forged by the South African Police Service (SAPS), with all relevant stakeholders, from both an intelligence and from an enforcement perspective.

The SAPS's Division: Crime Intelligence provides Departmental Intelligence Estimates (DIEs) inputs to the National Intelligence Coordinating Committee (NICOC). Inputs to DIEs are also sourced by the Division: Crime Intelligence from:

- The State Security Agency (SSA);
- The South African National Defence Force's (SANDF) Defence Intelligence (DI);  
and
- The Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO).

In addition, other relevant departments and government entities, including State-owned Enterprises (SOEs), such as the National Treasury, the Department of Home Affairs (DHA), and the Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC), are also consulted for inputs to be included in a National Intelligence Estimate (NIE), which is aimed at addressing the strategic security threats to the country, which impact on the well-being, safety and of South Africans.

Crime Intelligence also cooperates with other intelligence agencies and attends monthly NICOC meetings with multi-stakeholder such as the SSA, DI, NPA, the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI), DHA, FIC and Department of Social Development.

Please note that the successes with regard to the gathering, analysing and dissemination of intelligence cannot be disclosed, as this may compromise the integrity of the SAPS' operational capabilities.

The SAPS' Division: Visible Policing and Operations supports effective collaboration and has established partnerships with the following;

- Community Police Forums (CPFs) and Boards, which have been established and maintained at all police stations, districts and at provincial level. The structures have mobilised approximately 26 000 community members as volunteers/patrollers. The CPFs also assist the SAPS to engage various communities, at local level through Izimbizo and crime prevention dialogues.

There has been an increase in information provided by communities to early warnings and intelligence. This information is used for proactive planning and deployment. Community patrollers operate as eyes and ears of the police and share information with the station. The mobilisation of community patrollers enhances visibility at shopping malls, transport hubs and crime hot-spots. Patrollers also provide information on contact crime hot-spots, drug hot-spots, vulnerable schools and risky public places.

#### Successes:

- CPFs and Boards have assisted with the mobilisation of communities in the preventative measures during various national and provincial operations.
- CPFs raised awareness to communities during COVID 19 pandemic.
- Strengthened community partnerships led to the arrest of criminals through advanced shared information by CPFs.
- CPFs conduct crime awareness campaigns GBV; drugs and school safety campaigns

The SAPS has also launched the implementation of community perception-based surveys, with the cooperation of the University of South Africa (UNISA), in 2021, resulting in the development of certain indices, of which the Community Police Forum Efficiency and Satisfaction Index is one. The results of the study that was conducted in 2021, indicate that 66,45% of respondents were satisfied with the work that is being done by CPFs, in communities.

- The SAPS has established formal Memorandums of Understanding (MoU's), in partnership with several SOEs, including – the Rail Safety Regulator (RSR), the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA), the Bombela Operating Company (Gautrain) and Transnet Freight Rail (TFR).
- Information-sharing between the SAPS and different stakeholders is also done through the following platforms – the National Non-Ferrous Metals Crime Combating Committee (NFMCCC), on quarterly basis, the National Rail Crime Combatting Forum (NRCCF), also on quarterly basis. Joint Planning meetings held bi-monthly and the Provincial Rail Crime Combatting Forum (PRCCF) held on a weekly basis. In all these platforms issues relating to cable and infrastructure related crimes are discussed including the identification of hot spots areas.

The success achieved were noted through a reduction of crime, particularly infrastructure-related crime, in the rail environment. The crime reduction is obtained through disruptive, spontaneous, high-visibility and day-to-day operations that are conducted within the rail environment.

#### Successes:

Theft of infrastructure related crimes: April 2018 to March 2023					
2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	TOTAL
30	87	269	229	62	677

- The SAPS also has a formal MoU with Business Against Crime South Africa (BACSA), which has strengthened relationships with the Private Security Industry. As a result of collaboration between the SAPS and BACSA, the Eyes and Ears (E2) initiative was established to ensure a uniform framework for

cooperation between SAPS and Private Security Industry Regulating Authority (PSIRA)-registered firms in the private security industry.

The E2 initiative generates alerts on vehicle crime-related tip-offs, which assist in responses to vehicles involved in the commission of crime and suspicious vehicles across the country, which assists the SAPS in crime prevention and investigation.

Successes achieved, from 31 October 2019, to date, through the E2 Initiative, are as follows:

- Vehicle Crime: 4 643 vehicles were impounded and 4 100 suspects were apprehended.
- Firearms: 416 handguns and 62 assault rifles were recovered with 43 suspects apprehended.
- Robbery: 723 suspects apprehended.
- Infrastructure Crime: 73 suspects apprehended.
- Extortion: 86 incidents were recorded; three arrests were effected, five assault rifles and 17 handguns were seized.


Through the BACSA MoU, the SAPS has deployed an Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cell phone application on 85 devices, since 26 July 2023, which assisted with the impoundment of 140 vehicles and the arrest of 50 suspects, up to 22 February 2024.

- The SAPS also initiated a joint project with municipalities, in 2020, to implement the safer city initiative in identified cities and towns. The aim is to integrate resources in the fight against crime. During daily Station Crime Combating Forums that are conducted at all police stations, information related to crime is discussed with the local authorities and joint operations are conducted on regular basis.

Successes:

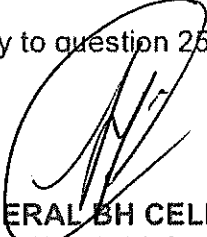
Crime awareness campaigns are conducted jointly with various municipalities.

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