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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2580**

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**2580. Mr Z N Mbhele (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) On which dates were Operation Fiela operations carried out in the eThekwini Municipality, (b) on which areas were the specified operations focused and (c) what was the cost of each specified operation;

(2) (a) how many persons (i) were arrested and (ii) have been charged following each operation and (b) for which offences in each case;

(3) whether operations were conducted in the (a) Chatsworth and/or (b) Phoenix areas, both of which are known to be drug hotspots; if not, why not; if so, on which dates in each case?

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**REPLY:**

1. (b) See Table 1 below.

(c) See Table 1 below.

1. (a)(i)(ii) See Table 1 below.

(b) See Table 1 below.

(3) (a) Yes;

(b) Yes, see Table 2 below.

**TABLE 1**

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| Seven (7) SAPS Clusters within eThekwini Municipality: Durban Central, Chatsworth, Brighton Beach, Pinetown, Phoenix, Umlazi and Inanda. |
| 1. **CLUSTER**
 | **DURBAN CENTRAL** |
| **Date of Operation** | 2015/05/05 – 2015/05/06 |
| **Focus Area of Operation** | Point |
| **Estimate Cost of Operation****(Including external role players cost)** | No cost - members worked for time due |
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| **Arrests** |
| **Offence** | **Number of arrests** | **Number of persons charged** |
| Possession of drugs | 03 | 03 |
| Trespassing | 08 | 08 |

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| **Date of Operation** | 2015/05/05 - 2015/05/06 |
| **Focus Area of Operation** | Durban CBD & Taxi Ranks |
| **Estimate Cost of Operation****(Including external role players cost)** | No costs – members worked flexi hours |
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| **Arrests** |
| **Offence** | **Number of arrests** | **Number of persons charged** |
| Illegal Foreign Nationals | 36 | 36 |
| Non Compliance 2nd Hand Goods Act | 18 | 18 |

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| **Date of Operation** | 2015/05/21 - 2015/05/22 |
| **Focus Area of Operation** | Durban CBD & Taxi Ranks |
| **Estimate Cost of Operation****(Including external role players cost)** | No costs – members worked flexi hours |
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| **Arrests** |
| **Offence** | **Number of arrests** | **Number of persons charged** |
| Possession of drugs | 02 | 02 |
| Road traffic act | 21 | 21 |
| Illegal Foreign Nationals | 09 | 09 |
| Assault common | 01 | 01 |
| Malicious Damage to Property | 01 | 01 |

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| **Date of Operation** | 2015/05/28 – 2015/05/29 |
| **Focus Area of Operation** | Durban CBD & Taxi Ranks |
| **Estimate Cost of Operation****(Including external role players cost)** | No costs – members worked flexi hours |
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| **Arrests** |
| **Offence** | **Number of arrests** | **Number of persons charged** |
| Possession of drugs | 02 | 02 |
| Illegal Foreign Nationals | 07 | 07 |
| Possessions of dangerous weapon | 01 | 01 |

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| **Date of Operation** | 2015/06/11 – 2015/06/12 |
| **Focus Area of Operation** | Point |
| **Estimate Cost of Operation****(Including external role players cost)** | No cost – members worked for time due |
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| **Arrests** |
| **Offence** | **Number of arrests** | **Number of persons charged** |
| Possession of drugs | 04 | 04 |
| Trespassing | 13 | 13 |

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| **Date of Operation** | 2015/06/25 |
| **Focus Area of Operation** | Durban CBD & Taxi Ranks |
| **Estimate Cost of Operation****(Including external role players cost)** | No costs – members worked flexi hours |
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| **Arrests** |
| **Offence** | **Number of arrests** | **Number of persons charged** |
| Possession of drugs | 02 | 02 |
| Illegal Foreign Nationals | 09 | 09 |

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| **Date of Operation** | 2015/07/17  |
| **Focus Area of Operation** | Durban CBD & Taxi Ranks |
| **Estimate Cost of Operation****(Including external role players cost)** | No costs – members worked flexi hours |
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| **Arrests** |
| **Offence** | **Number of arrests** | **Number of persons charged** |
| Possession of drugs | 01 | 01 |
| Wanted for the possession and or use of depended producing substances (Max ID) | 04 | 04 |

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| **Date of Operation** | 2015/07/23 - 2015/07/24 |
| **Focus Area of Operation** | Point |
| **Estimate Cost of Operation****(Including external role players cost)** | No cost – members worked for time due |
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| **Arrests** |
| **Offence** | **Number of arrests** | **Number of persons charged** |
| Possession of drugs | 02 | 02 |
| Illegal Foreign Nationals | 11 | 11 |
| Contravention Regulation 26 Sub Section 88(e) of Local Authorities Act, Act 19 of 1974. Loitering for the purpose of Prostitution | 06 | 06 |

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| 1. **CLUSTER**
 | **CHATSWORTH** |
| **Date of Operation** | 2015/05/08 2015/05/14 2015/05/15 2015/05/20 2015/06/05 2015/06/08 2015/06/192015/07/03  |
| **Focus Area of Operation** | 2015/05/08 (Bayview, Bellair, Mariannhill)2015/05/14 (Lamontville)2015/05/15 (Bellair)2015/05/20 (Chatsworth)2015/06/05 (Bellair)2015/06/08 (Bellair)2015/06/19 (Bellair)2015/07/03 (Chatsworth) |
| **Estimate Cost of Operation****(Including external role players cost)** | Bayview: R48 000-00Bellair: R50 250-00Chatsworth: R49 000-00Kwandengezi: R32 250-00Lamontville: R54 500-00Mariannhill: R64 250-00 |
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| **Arrests** |
| **Offence** | **Number of arrests** | **Number of persons charged** |
| Bayview (2015/05/08) |
| Contravention of the Domestic Violence Act | 01 | 01 |
| Possession of dagga | 01 | 01 |
| Dealing in liquor | 02 | 02 |
| Illegal Foreign Nationals | 12 | 12 |
| Mariannhill (2015/05/08) |
| Illegal Foreign Nationals | 56 | 56 |
| Bellair (2015/05/08) |
| House Breaking and Theft | 01 | 01 |
| Bellair (2015/05/14) |
| Assault with the intent to cause grievous bodily harm | 02 | 02 |
| Possession of Drugs | 04 | 04 |
| Lamontville (2015/05/14) |
| Illegal Foreign Nationals | 03 | 03 |
| Possession of dagga | 01 | 01 |
| Dealing in liquor | 01 | 01 |
| Bellair (2015/06/05) |
| Possession of drugs | 02 | 02 |
| Possession of suspected Stolen Property (Sect 36 of the Criminal Procedure Act, Act 51 of 1977)  | 03 | 03 |
| Bellair (2015/06/08) |
| Possession of drugs | 02 | 02 |
| Bellair (2015/06/19) |
| Possession of drugs | 02 | 02 |
| Chatsworth (2015/05/20)  |
| Possession of cocaine | 02 | 02 |
| Possession of heroine | 03 | 03 |
| Possession of dagga | 01 | 01 |
| Possession of rock cocaine | 01 | 01 |
| Possession of dangerous weapons | 01 | 01 |
| Illegal Foreign Nationals | 02 | 02 |
| Chatsworth (2015/07/03) |
| Contravention of Section 2 of the Camping Act, Act 57/2003 | 75 | 75 |

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| 1. **CLUSTER**
 | **BRIGHTON BEACH** |
| **Date of Operation** | 2015/06/27 |
| **Focus Area of Operation** | Wentworth |
| **Estimate Cost of Operation****(Including external role players cost)** | R 87 385.86  |
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| **Arrests** |
| **Offence** | **Number of arrests** | **Number of persons charged** |
| Dealing in dagga | 01 | 01 |
| Possession of dagga | 02 | 02 |

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| 1. **CLUSTER**
 | **PINETOWN** |
| **Date of Operation** | 2015/07/10 |
| **Focus Area of Operation** | Pinetown  |
| **Estimate Cost of Operation****(Including external role players cost)** | No cost to the State. All members worked normal hours. |
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| **Arrests** |
| **Offence** | **Number of arrests** | **Number of persons charged** |
| Possession of dagga | 04 | 04 |
| Possession of woonga | 01 | 01 |
| Possession of heroin  | 01 | 01 |
| Theft | 01 | 01 |
| Illegal Foreign Nationals | 05 | 05 |
| Drinking in public | 01 | 01 |
| Urinating in public | 01 | 01 |

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| 1. **CLUSTER**
 | **PHOENIX CLUSTER**  |
| **Date of Operation** | 2015/05/12  |
| **Focus Area of Operation** | Phoenix, Tongaat, Verulam |
| **Estimate Cost of Operation****(Including external role players cost)** | No cost to the State. All members worked normal hours. |
| **Arrests** |
| **Offence** | **Number of arrests** | **Number of persons charged** |
| Possession of dagga | 03 | 03 |

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| **Date of Operation** | 2015/06/02  |
| **Focus Area of Operation** | Phoenix, Tongaat, Verulam |
| **Estimate Cost of Operation****(Including external role players cost)** | No cost to the State. All members worked normal hours. |
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| **Arrests** |
| **Offence** | **Number of arrests** | **Number of persons charged** |
| Possession of dagga | 01 | 01 |
| Possession of unlicensed firearm and ammunition | 01 | 01 |
| Possession of heroin | 01 | 01 |
| Possession of illegal cigarettes | 01 | 01 |

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| 1. **CLUSTER**
 | **UMLAZI CLUSTER** |
| **Date of Operation** | 2015-04-302015-05-082015-05-292015-06-132015-07-032015-07-09/102015-07-172015-07-23 |
| **Focus Area of Operation** | 1. Umlazi Glebe lands hostel and Umlazi

sections;1. Isipingo CBD, Malukazi and Prospecton;

(iii) Kwamakhutha areas;(iv) Folweni areas;(v) Amanzimtoti areas, Umbumbulu Areas, Umkomaas and Bhekithemba SAPS areas Ngonyameni and Umlazi sections |
| **Estimate Cost of Operation****(Including external role players cost)** | Operations are conducted utilizing members on duty with no additional cost to the State. |
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| **Arrests** |
| **Offence** | **Number of arrests** | **Number of persons charged** |
| Possession of Unlicensed Firearm | 03 | 03 |
| Kidnapping | 05 | 05 |
| Illegal Foreign Nationals | 54 | 54 |
| Possession of Dagga | 15 | 15 |
| Dealing in liquor without license | 24 | 24 |
| Assault with the intend to cause grievous bodily harm | 33 | 33 |
| House breaking and theft | 06 | 06 |
| Theft | 10 | 10 |
| Armed Robbery | 04 | 04 |
| Attempted Murder | 03 | 03 |
| Possession of Dangerous weapon | 03 | 03 |
| Drunken Driving | 09 | 09 |
| Murder | 04 | 04 |
| Contravention of the National Road Traffic Act, Act 93 of 1996  | 12 | 12 |
| Malicious damage to property | 02 | 02 |
| Contravention of Section 11 of the eThekwini Municipality Informal Trading By Law, 2014 | 08 | 08 |

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| 1. **CLUSTER**
 | **INANDA CLUSTER** |
| **Date of Operation** | 2015-05-01 18:00 TO 02:00 |
| **Focus Area of Operation** | Inanda and KwaMashu |
| **Estimate Cost of Operation****(Including external role players cost)** | +- R260 000 |
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| **Arrests** |
| **Offence** | **Number of arrests** | **Number of persons charged** |
| Possession of Dagga | 19 | 19 |
| Illegal Foreign Nationals | 04 | 04 |
| Reckless and Negligent Driving | 02 | 02 |
| Dealing in Liquor | 06 | 06 |
| Use of Vehicle without owner’s consent | 01 | 01 |
| Possession of Dangerous Weapons | 04 | 04 |

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| **Date of Operation** | 2015-05-16 20:00 to 04:00 |
| **Focus Area of Operation** | Inanda and KwaMashu |
| **Estimate Cost of Operation****(Including external role players cost)** | +- R150 000 |
| **Arrests** |
| **Offence** | **Number of arrests** | **Number of persons charged** |
| Possession of Dagga | 04 | 04 |
| Dealing in Liquor | 06 | 06 |
| Possession of Dangerous Weapons | 02 | 02 |

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| **Date of Operation** | 2015-07-17 20:00 TO 04:00 |
| **Focus Area of Operation** | Inanda and KwaMashu |
| **Estimate Cost of Operation****(Including external role players cost)** | +- R50 000 |
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| **Arrests** |
| **Offence** | **Number of arrests** | **Number of persons charged** |
| Possession of Dagga | 01 | 01 |
| Dealing in Liquor | 06 | 06 |
| Illegal Foreign Nationals | 02 | 02 |
| Drunken Driving  | 02 | 02 |

**TABLE 2**

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| **CLUSTER** | **CHATSWORTH** |
| **Date(s) of Operation** | 2015/05/08 |
| 2015/06/20 |
| 2015/06/03 |

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| **CLUSTER** | **PHOENIX** |
| **Date(s) of Operation** | 2015/05/12 |
| 2015/06/02 |