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

What steps have been taken by the SA Police Service to implement the National Development Plan's recommendation for the establishment of community safety centres, as part of promoting a holistic and whole-of-society approach to public safety?

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**REPLY:**

The policy framework for promoting a holistic and whole-of-society approach to public safety is set out in the 2015 Draft White Paper on Safety and Security. In this regard the objectives of the White Paper on Safety and Security are:

* To provide an overarching policy for an integrated approach to safety and security, and
* To facilitate the creation of a sustainable, well-resourced implementation and oversight mechanism, to co-ordinate, monitor, evaluate and report on implementation of crime prevention priorities across all sectors.

The 2015 Draft White Paper on Safety and Security clearly outlines the location, nature and role of community safety forums. The Civilian Secretariat for Police also works closely with Provinces and Municipalities so ensure that community safety forums are established and are effective. CSFs were established at varying degree across provinces. On average, CSF meetings are held quarterly. Various CSFs undertake different projects in line with mandate(s) of departments participating in CSFs. The Civilian Secretariat for Police is further engaging SALGA on incorporating CSFs into the Councilor Induction Programme.