

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**FOR WRITTEN REPLY****QUESTION 2688**

DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 26 AUGUST 2022
(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 27-2022)

2688. Ms Z Majazi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) What are the reasons that his department has noted as the main drivers of mass shootings (details furnished) in the Republic which have increased by almost 50% in the (a) 2017-18 and (b) 2019-20 financial years according to the Institute for Security Studies;
- (2) what (a) measures are planned and/or in place to prevent mass shootings and (b) has he found to be the success rate of the specified measures in light of the recent reports of mass shootings at taverns and several locations around the Republic;
- (3) what measures are in place to promote a joint effort between communities and the SA Police Service as both are vital in achieving effective crime fighting strategies?

NW3208E

REPLY:

(1)(a)(b) During the release of the 2022/23 first quarter crime statistics, on 19 August 2022, the Minister indicated that the South African Police Service (SAPS) investigated 284 dockets of multiple murders, with 664 victims. KwaZulu-Natal Province recorded the highest number of multiple murders, followed by Gauteng and the Eastern Cape, in which two or more victims were killed at a time. The majority of these murders were committed with a firearm. The reasons for these killings differ but may include, in no particular order:

- Arguments and misunderstandings.
- Revenge and retaliation.
- Robbery.
- Extortion - related to multiple murders in the Cape Metropole.

(2)(a) The majority of murders involving multiple victims are committed with a firearm, hence the recovery of illegal firearms from criminals remains a priority and is included in the SAPS' Annual Performance Plan (APP). The SAPS is

also continuing with the implementation of the National Crime Combating Forum's instructions, in respect of crime combating, focussing on five pillars including: Information and coordination, prevention and proactive policing, crime combating, crime investigation and communication.

- (2)(b) The incidents of multiple murders were not motivated by the same factors, or committed by organised criminals with similar motives, hence it is not possible at this stage to provide a general response in respect of the success rate of interventions.
- (3) The implementation of the Community Policing Strategy and the strengthening and capacitation of community police forums (CPFs), at all levels, is included in the SAPS' APP to ensure a collaborative and responsive approach to policing.

There are firearm awareness campaigns/programmes within communities, including taverns, with special focus on:

- **Firearm- Free Zones (FFZ)** as provided for in Section 140 of the Firearms Control Act, 2000, (Act No. 60 of 2000), which provides that the Minister may, after consultation with the National Commissioner and the Secretary for Police Service, by notice in the Gazette declare any premises or categories of premises to be firearm-free zone, if it is in the public interest and in accordance with the objects of this Act.
- **Handling of firearms under the influence:** Sections 120 (4) and (5) of the Act makes it an offence to handle a firearm, an antique firearm or an airgun while under the influence of a substance which has an intoxicating or a narcotic effect and to give control of a firearm, an antique firearm or an airgun to a person whom he/she knows or ought to have reasonably known to be under the influence of a substance which has an intoxicating or a narcotic effect.

Intelligence-driven operations are also been conducted on regular basis to ensure compliance with the Firearms Control Act and Regulations.

Reply to question 2688 recommended/~~not recommended~~



**GENERAL
NATIONAL COMMISSIONER: SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE
SF MASEMOLA**

Date: 2022 -09- 08

Reply to question 2688 approved/~~not approved~~



**MINISTER OF POLICE
GENERAL BH CELE, MP**

Date: 13/09/2022



23 August 2022

Ms Zandile Majozi to ask the Minister of Police:

According to the Institute for Security Studies mass murders (the murder of three or more people in a single incident) increased by almost 50% between 2017/18 and 2019/20:

What reason has this department noted to be among the main drivers of mass shootings om South Africa?

What measures are planned or are in place to prevent mass shootings? What are their success rate?

What measures are in place to promote a joint effort between communities and the police as they are vital in achieving effective crime fighting strategies?

Hon Z Majozi MP