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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2719**

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**2719. Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Police:**(1) Whether the SA Police Service has searched any Russian ship for weapons of mass destruction under the Explosive Substances Act, Act 26 of 1956, and/or the Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Act 87 of 1993; if so, what is the name of the ship;

(2) whether any such material has been found in accordance with the specified two Acts; if so, what substances have been found;  
  
(3) whether any arrests have been made; if not, why not; if so, what number of arrests has been made;  
  
(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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**REPLY:**(1) Yes, it was a Russian cargo vessel.  
  
(2) Yes, it was found that there were containers carrying explosives and the necessary permits were in place.

(3) No, the permits were available.  
  
(4) No, the security of the countries and the vessel will be compromised, if a public statement is made to this effect.  
  
Reply to question 2719 recommended,  
  
**GENERAL NATIONAL COMMISSIONER: SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE  
KJ SITOLE (SOEG)  
Date**: 2018-09-26  
  
Reply to question 2719 approvecl  
  
**MINISTER OF POLICE  
BH CELE, MP  
Date**: 01/10/2018