

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 274**

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**274. Mr D F Mthenjane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) In view of the finding by the panel of experts appointed by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, in the Report of the Expert Panel into the July 2021 Civil Unrest, that the SA Police Service (SAPS) was woefully incompetent and/or unwilling to deal with the unrest, what steps will he take to resolve the issues identified by the experts;
- (2) whether, in light of the damning finding by the experts, it is his position that he is still fit to lead the SAPS; if so, what is his position based on?

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**REPLY:**

- (1) The South African Police Service (SAPS) is implementing the recommendations of the Expert Panel, including the training of more than 10 000 Visible Policing members at police stations, in First Responder Crowd Management training. Additional members will be allocated to the Public Order Policing (POP) capability for the capacitation of the POP units, by means of the current recruitment process.
- (2) The Minister serves in the position of leading the South African Police Service (SAPS) to the best of his ability.

Whether or not he is still fit to lead the SAPS is at the behest of the President as the Minister of Police is employed by the President of the Republic of South Africa.



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