# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

# FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION 277

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**277. Mrs A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

1. (a) What total amount has been budgeted for the operation of the Air Wing and

(b) has he found the amount to be sufficient to keep it operational;

1. whether maintenance on all aircraft is done in accordance to applicable regulations; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the (a) aircraft and (b) maintenance plan for each?

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# REPLY:

(1)(a) A total of R86 743 000,00 has been budgeted for the operation of the South African Police Service (SAPS) Air Wing .

(1)(b) Yes, the amount is sufficient to keep it operational.

1. Yes, the aircraft are maintained in accordance to applicable regulations. (2)(a) The relevant details of the aircraft, are as follows:
   * 13 x AS350B3 (H125) helicopters
   * 1 x BK 117 helicopter

a 1 x Beechcraft King Air 90

* + 1 x Cessna Sovereign Citation 680
  + 6 x Robinson R44 helicopters
  + 2 x MD 500 helicopters
  + 9 x Pilatus PC 6
  + 1 x Pilatus PC 12

(2)(b) The relevant details of the maintenance plan for each aircraft, are as follows: o 13 x AS350B3 (H125) helicopters are maintained by SOFOMAR.

* + 1 x BK 117 helicopter is maintained by Airbus Helicopter, Southern Africa.
  + 1 x Beechcraft King Air 90 is maintained by Absolute Aviation.
  + 1 x Cessna Sovereign Citation 680 is maintained by Absolute Aviation.
  + 6 x Robinson R44 helicopters- currently no maintenance contract (Maintenance is done through a quotation process. The SAPS is in a process of putting a maintenance contract in place).
  + 2 x MD 500 helicopters- currently no maintenance contract (Maintenance is done through a quotation process. The SAPS is in a process of putting a maintenance contract in place).

a 9 x Pilatus PC 6’s- currently no maintenance contract (Maintenance is done through a quotation process. The SAPS is in a process of putting a maintenance contract in place).

* + 1 x Pilatus PC 12- currently no maintenance contract (Maintenance is done through a quotation process. The SAPS is in a process of putting a maintenance contract in place).

Reply to question 277 recommended/

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