

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION 2909

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2909. Dr PJ Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) (a) What (i) total number of employees of his department are currently working from home, (ii) number of such employees have special permission to work from home and (iii) are the reasons for granting such special permission and (b) on what date will such employees return to their respective offices;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a)(i) The total number of South African Police Service (SAPS) employees who are currently working from home, is 20.
- (1)(a)(ii) The abovementioned 20 employees are stationed at the Protection and Security Services Component in Bloemfontein, in the Free State Province and have been granted special permission to work from home by the Provincial Head: Protection and Security Services (PSS). The 20 employees are 50% of the support services staff, at the Free State PSS office.
- (1)(a)(iii) The reason for granting special permission for the 20 employees to work from home is because of the inadequate nature of their current office accommodation and the fact that their office resources are currently in storage. The Free State PSS Component was previously accommodated in the Old Nedbank Building, Bloemfontein. They are currently being accommodated in a three bedroom state-owned house, in Bloemfontein because the Department of Labour issued a Prohibition Notice to the Provincial Head: PSS, on 2020-03-16, rendering the Old Nedbank Building unsafe and non-compliant, in terms the Occupational Health of Safety Act, 1993 (Act No. 85 of 1993).


- (1)(b) Discussions between the National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (NDPWI) and the SAPS, in this regard, have taken place. The NDPWI is in the process of securing alternative office accommodation. As soon as the alternative office accommodation has been secured, the abovementioned 20 employees will be able to return to work.
- (2) The Minister will decide whether to make a statement on the matter.

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MINISTER OF POLICE
GENERAL BH CELE, MP

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