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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2967**

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**2967. Mr M H Redelinghuys (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) Whether the SA Police Service(SAPS) has policies or guidelines for enforcing legislation on sex work and suspected sex workers; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether SAPS members are trained about the specified policies or guidelines;

(3) whether the specified training includes (a) apprehending suspected sex workers, (b) searching their person and (c) identifying suspected sex workers;

(4) (a) how many complaints against SAPS members regarding (i) assault and/or (ii) abuse of suspected sex workers have been received in the (aa) 2012-13, (bb) 2013-14 and (cc) 2014-15 financial years and (b)(i) what were the outcomes of the specified investigations and (ii) what action has been taken against the specified SAPS members?

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**REPLY:**

1. Submitted to Parliament on 6 September 2015.
2. Submitted to Parliament on 6 September 2015.
3. Submitted to Parliament on 6 September 2015.

(4) The following replies are provided based on the information retrieved:

(4)(a) Complaints against SAPS members regarding:

(4)(a)(i) Assault complaints:

(4)(a)(i)(aa) 2012/2013 = 1

(4)(a)(i)(bb) 2013/2014 = 13

(4)(a)(i)(cc) 2014/2015 = 2

(4)(a)(ii) Abuse of suspected sex workers:

(4)(a)(ii)(aa) 2012/2013 = 2

(4)(a)(ii)(bb) 2013/2014 = 4 (including unlawful arrest)

(4)(a)(ii)(cc) 2014/2015 = 8

(4)(b) Investigations and outcomes:

(4)(b)(i) Outcomes of the specified investigations:

Of the **32** allegations/complaints against members, **seven** criminal cases were registered. Of the **seven** cases registered against members, **three** were withdrawn in court, **two** were still being investigated by IPID, **one** was finalized as *nolle proseque* while the remaining **one** is still on the court roll.

(4)(b)(ii) Action has been taken against the specified SAPS members:

**One** member received a written warning (Mufuleni - DR 32/2014) and findings against other **two** members were that departmental steps were not required (Cape Town DR 308 and 309/2014).