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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 3003**

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**3003. Mr M G P Lekota (Cope) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Whether the SA Police Service publishes a monthly advisory or newsletter in hard copy or digital format to inform police personnel particularly about (a) any charges that any police officers were facing, (b) court trials and outcomes of trials where police officials were tried, (c) best practices from around the world, (d) meritorious achievements of police officials in South Africa and (e) findings of the Independent Police Investigative Directorate with regard to complaints laid against the police, in order to keep every police officer abreast of the specified issues and other issues in policing so as to encourage good practices and warn of the dire consequences of illegal or bad practices; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

(a) The SAPS uses both digital and print formats to communicate relevant information regarding officers’ disciplinary matters. We send out information through the ‘All Users’ Email group on information picked up in the media regarding police officers being arrested, charged, convicted and sentenced for criminal actions, under the heading “Breaking News Advisory”. We also do print magazines monthly at national and provincial offices.

(b) We communicate court outcomes and not trials.

(c) No

(d) National and provincial management frequently nominates SAPS employees who have performed beyond the call of duty to ensure the safety of people and property in South Africa for awards. These nominations are forwarded to the National Monitoring Evaluation Committee which recommends that such members are rewarded financially and by means of a certificate endorsed by the National Commissioner and/or the Minister of Police. This is done on an ongoing basis. Approval of such nominations is distributed internally to all SAPS employees via e-mail and included in print publications.

(e) Not IPID information per se, but such information either results in internal disciplinary or criminal investigations. The outcomes of these investigations are disseminated as per response to (a) and (b) above.