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**QUESTION 3038**

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**3038. Ms D Kohler (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

1. Has the SA Police Service (SAPS) found that a certain person (name furnished) who was involved in a certain incident (details furnished) was the target of an attempted hijacking; if so, (a) on what basis did they form the opinion and (b) did the SAPS take into consideration the fact that no attempt was apparently made to leave the vehicle undamaged for re-sale, as is usual in hijacking cases;
2. did the SAPS take the specified vehicle into custody for purposes of collecting evidence; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
3. (a) what is the (i) name and (ii) professional designation of the officer investigating the matter and (b) on what basis was this investigating officer selected to lead the investigation, given that there are more senior investigators available?

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**REPLY:**

(1) It is unknown at this stage of the investigation, whether the person who was involved in the incident mentioned, was a target of an attempted hijacking.

(1)(a) Not applicable.

(1)(b) Not applicable.

(2) The vehicle was not taken into custody for the purpose of collecting evidence, due to the breakdown services being instructed, by the mentioned person, to collect the vehicle from the crime scene.

(3)(a)(i)(ii) The details of the investigating officer cannot be disclosed, in order to allow the investigation to be conducted without fear or favour.

(3)(b) The investigating officer is experienced in cases of this nature.