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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**Minister**

**National Assembly question for Written Reply: Question 3150**

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**Ms Bernedette Muthien**

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**Ms. Jenny Schreiner**

**Director General: Department of Women**

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**3150. Ms N I Tarabella - Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: Women**

Is her department, in co-operation with the Minister of Police, working on (a) policy documents and/or (b) strategic plans to address the issues of (i) domestic violence, (ii) gender-based violence, (iii) crimes against members of the National Intervention Strategy for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex community, particularly women living in urban informal settlements and (iv) femicide; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the specified policy documents and/or strategic plans? NW3693E

**Reply**

Government has adopted a multi-sectoral approach to addressing Gender based violence which includes the department as well as the Justice Crime Prevention and Security cluster departments under the leadership of the Department of Social Development. This multi-sectoral approach takes into account existing policies, strategic plans, relevant legislation and is focused on implementation of the Integrated Program of Action on Violence Against Women.

The government has also established an Inter-Ministerial Committee on Gender Based Violence which takes into account violence against all women and children regardless of their sexual orientation and geographic location. The government Programme of Action on Violence against women and children requires that communities are engaged which would be in urban, peri-urban as well as rural area.

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**Approved by the Minister on**

**Date………………………..**