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**QUESTION 357**

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**367.Mr S J Graham (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What (a) number of SA Police Service personnel have housing allowances deducted. off their salaries who are not living in any official accommodation or who do not have any formal living arrangements and (b) happens to the monies that are deducted If there is no identified landlord, client department or finance house to whom the money can be paid? NW512E

**REPLY:**(a) and (b)

No housing allowance deductions are made for South African Police Service (SAPS) employees, who do not reside in official accommodation.

However, in forms of the Government Employee Housing Scheme (GEHS), .those employees who are renting and who ware employed, before 27 May 2015, receive R1 398,35 of which R498,35 is transferred to an interest bearing saving facility. For those employees who were appointed, after 27 May 2015, the whole amount. of R1 398,35 is transferred to an interest bearing saving facility.

The saving facility is administered by the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) and the National Treasury and funds can only be withdrawn when:

An employee becomes a homeowner.

In case of a contracted employee, his/her contract expires and the contract is. not renewed.

An employee passed on.

An employee retires or is medically boarded.

With effect, from 1 March 2017, all employees who currently rent official accommodation, pay R900,00 rental, per month, for state accommodation.

The deduction, in respect of state accommodation is paid into the National Revenue Fund. The deposit is made, in terms of Section 11(1)(a) of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No 1 of 1999).

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