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 **Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**National Assembly : 3693**

Please find attached a response to Parliamentary Questionfor **written reply** asked by **Mr D F Mthenjane (EFF) to the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

**Mr Tseliso Maqubela**

**DDG: Mineral and Petroleum Regulation**

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**Mr. Jacob Mbele**

**Director-General: Department of Mineral Resources and Energy**

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**Mr. S.G Mantashe**

**Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy**

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**3693.** **Mr D F Mthenjane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

What long-term plans have been put in place to combat the challenge of large-scale illegal mining operations in the Republic? **NW4521E**

**Reply:**

The South African Police Service is to launch the **Economic Infrastructure Task Team (EITT)** whose role will be to address the scourge of crimes within the non-ferrous metals, essential infrastructure, critical infrastructure, extortion, and illegal mining. The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy will work together with the envisaged unit.