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**3702. Mr Z N Mbhele (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Why was the employment contract of the suspended Western Cape Provincial Police Commissioner, Arno Lamoer, not renewed?

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**REPLY:**

Lieutenant General Lamoer entered into a five year contract as the Provincial Commissioner Western Cape with effect from 1 December 2010 with an expiry date of 30 November 2015. Section 7(1) of the South African Police Act, 1995 (Act No 68 of 1995) stipulates that an appointed Provincial Commissioner shall occupy that office for a period of five years from the date of his or her appointment or such shorter period as may be determined at the time of his or her appointment by the National Commissioner in consultation with the member of the Executive Council of the relevant province.

Section 7(2) of the Act provides for the National Commissioner to extend the term at the expiry thereof for a period not exceeding five years at a time, subject to consultation with the member of the Executive Council of the relevant province. The non-renewal of Lieutenant General Lamoer’s contract is a decision arrived in compliance with the above policy provisions.