**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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For Written Reply

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**Mr J H Steenhusien (DA) to ask the Minister of State Security:**

Whether his department has (a) state security agents and/or (b) any other departmental staff stationed in Parliament; is so, in each specified case, (i) (aa) for how long has the specified persons been stationed in Parliament and (bb) when is their deployment period expected to end, (ii) under whose instruction and/or request were such persons deployed and (iii) for what purpose were they deployed

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**REPLY:**

(a)&(b) The State Security Agency (SSA) has deployed its staff members from the Chief Directorate External Vetting and Advising to be stationed at Parliament to conduct vetting of Parliamentary support staff.

(i)(aa) The specified SSA staff has been stationed in Parliament since September 2015.

(bb) The SSA is expected to complete the vetting project in March 2016.

(ii) The SSA was requested by Mr.Gengezi Mgidlana, the Secretary to Parliament.

(iii) The Secretary to Parliament requested the SSA to conduct security vetting to all Parliamentary support staff.