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**3856. Mr W M Madisha (Cope) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Whether, in line with the applicable provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, his department was incorporating cutting-edge technology and the most innovative ideas in policing political protests and civil activism in our country; if not, why not; if so, what (a) are the relevant details and (b) positive outcomes were achieved by the police in maintaining law and order during the protest actions since 1 January 2015?

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**REPLY:**

1. Yes. The following modern technology and ideas are used to police protests and

gatherings:

* Water Cannon
* Long Range Acoustic Device
* Video cameras
* Recording devices
* Mediation and conflict resolution and intensified community relations programmes

(b) The above cutting-edge technology contributed to the following positive

outcomes:

* No loss of life, minimised physical contact between the participants and the police and improved method of collecting evidence for criminal court purposes.

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