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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 4135**

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**4135. Mr Y Cassim (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) What are the current stock levels of the SA Police Service (SAPS) in terms of non-lethal ammunition like (a) rubber bullets, (b) stun grenades and (c) teargas;

(2) (a) how many water cannons are currently owned by the SAPS and (b) how many of the specified water cannons are operational;

(3) (a) what are the current stock levels of the SAPS’s anti-riot gear like (i) goggles, (ii) protective gear, (iii) boots and (iv) bullet-proof vests and (b) who is the current supplier of each of the specified items;

(4) what is the (a) name, (b) specifications and (c) current supplier of the boots currently being used by the SAPS Special Forces;

(5) what is the (a) name, (b) specifications and (c) the current supplier of the gun holsters currently being used by the SAPS?

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**REPLY:**

(1)(a)(b)&(c) The SAPS has sufficient stock of the three (3) mentioned items and there is currently a process in place to replenish stock thereof (*see attached information note for the Minister*).

(2)(a) 13 water cannons are currently owned by the SAPS.

(b)10 of these water cannons are currently operational and the other 3 are booked in for repairs.

(3)(a) As on 31 October 2015 the following number of these items have already been issued and are serviceable but they are not kept in stock (for (i) and (ii) only) - for (iii) & (iv) please see the disclaimer in the table;

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| **Description** | **Quantities** | **(b) Current Supplier** |
| (i) Tactical Goggles | 3 249 | No contract in place. |
| (ii) Protective Gear: | | |
| Jackets body protective gear | 3 075 | No contract in place. |
| Arm protective gear | 2 852 | No contract in place. |
| Leg protection gear | 2 784 | No contract in place. |
| Riot shields | 38 102 | No contract in place. |
| Tonfa rubber baton | 168 924 | No contract in place. |
| Riot helmet | 18 545 | Lightsaver the Intelligent Flashlight. |
| (iii)Anti-Riot Boots   * The SAPS does not have specific Anti-Riot Boots | 0 | N/A. |
| (iv) Bullet proof vests   * Current quantities issued and in stock | 203 962 | The specification has been upgraded and is in process for a new contract. |

(4)(a)(b)&(c) There is no specific boot approved to be used by the SAPS Special Task Force.

(5)(a)(b)&(c) - see table below;

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| **Name** | **Specification** | **Current Supplier** |
| Polyester Canvas Type Holster | Please see attached | There is no current contract. |
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Please note- this type of information is not normally given out of the organization.