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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 4151**

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**4151. Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) How many police reservists are currently in the SA Police Service (SAPS) (a) nationally and (b) in the Eastern Cape;

(2) how many reservists were there in the Eastern Cape (a) 5 years ago, (b) 10 years ago and (c) 20 years ago;

(3) have any reservists been recruited in the Eastern Cape since the moratorium was lifted at the beginning of 2015; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many and (b) where;

(4) (a) how many of the current police reservists in the Eastern Cape are being paid for their services and (b) what is the average salary for a paid reservist?

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**REPLY:**

(1) (a) There are currently a total of 16 358 active reservists in the SA Police Service.

(b) There are currently a total of 2 031 active reservists in the SA Police Service in the Eastern Cape as on 13 November 2015.

(2) (a-c) The following number of reservists were in the SA Police Service in the Eastern Cape, as indicated per year in the table below:

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| **YEAR** | **TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVE AUDITED RESERVISTS** |
| 2010/2011 | 2874 |
| 2005/2006 | 4093 |
| 1995/1996 | Audited figures not available |

Since 2006 a total of approximately 13 000 reservists were permanently employed in the South African Police Service, either as permanent members, security guards or Public Service Act members.

In addition, following the adoption of the voluntary nature of the new reservists system without any remuneration several reservists no longer reported for duty due to the fact that the primary reason for joining was to secure permanent employment in the South African Police Service and not to voluntarily serve their communities.

(3) No reservists have been recruited in the Eastern Cape since the beginning of 2015. The primary aim of the revised reservist system is to recruit quality reservists to establish a professional reservist system with integrity.

The posts for reservists in the Eastern Cape Province were advertised during March 2015, with the closing date of 13 March 2015. A total of 45 applications were received, all of which were not conforming to the set requirements to be enlisted as reservists in the South African Police Service.

(4) None of the current reservists in the Eastern Cape are being paid for services. The new reservist National Instruction provides for volunteers from the community to take responsibility for the safety of their communities as part of the Community Policing philosophy without any remuneration for services rendered.

However, the South African Reserve Police Service Amendment Regulations: No 36922 dated 15 October 2015, paragraph 5(1) to 5(3), determines that the National Commissioner may approve the call up of reservists to perform duties to achieve the objectives as referred to in Section 205(3) of the Constitution of South Africa, for which they may receive remuneration in accordance with the following predetermined scales:

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| **RANK** | **PAYMENT PER HOUR** |
| Constable | R 16.090 |
| Sergeant | R 20.360 |
| Warrant Officer | R 25.090 |
| Captain | R 32.596 |
| Lt Colonel | R 41.245 |
| Colonel | R 56.452 |
| Brigadier | R 56.452 |