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**QUESTION 431**

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**431. M.Gen O S Terblanche (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**Whether (a) foot patrols and (b) vehicle patrols are still approaches used by the SA Police Service to prevent crime in residential and other areas; if not, why not; if so, (i) to what extent are office-bound police officers utilised to render this important service and (ii) what number of hours per month are office-bound officers expected to be involved in active crime prevention actions?  
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**REPLY:**(a) Yes, foot patrols are still being used by the South African Police Service (SAPS), to prevent crime in areas such as shopping malls, complexes, railway stations, beaches, parks and holiday resorts, as determined by the crime threat and pattern analysis.  
  
(b) Yes, vehicle patrols are still being used by the SAPS, to prevent crime in areas identified as high crime hotspots, as determined by the crime threat and pattern analysis, including sectors in police station precincts.  
  
(i) Office-bound 'police officers are utilised to conduct crime prevention operations, to increase the number of personnel, during weekly, monthly and targeted disruptive operations, as determined by the crime threat and pattern analysis and as, per the initiative of station commanders.  
  
(ii) In view of the above, there are no stipulated hours for office-bound police officers to conduct crime prevention duties.  
  
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