### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### **FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

## **QUESTION 4507**

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## 4507. M. Gen O S Terblanche (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

In light of the fact that the SA Police Service returned an amount of R31 806 000 allocated for the development of new police stations and other essential infrastructure projects to the National Treasury due to the apparent inability of his department to execute the important projects, (a) what led to the inability of his department and (b)(i) how and (ii) by what date will the projects be constructed?

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### **REPLY:**

- (a) The inability of the Department to finalise certain capital projects, can be attributed to the following factors:
  - The South African Police Service (SAPS) has a significant dependency on the National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (NDPWI), for the activation and execution of capital works and planned maintenance projects, which has resulted in a backlog of projects.
  - The poor management of projects executed by implementing agents.
  - The lack of capacity within the SAPS', Division: Supply Chain Management, Facility Management Component, due to the component not having professionally registered technical staff and artisans, e.g. electrical, civil and mechanical engineers.
  - Interference and work stoppages by small business forums, construction mafias and poor performance by contractors.
  - An additional dependency on external stakeholders, e.g. municipalities, for the municipal rezoning and the Department of Labour, for construction permits.
  - The cancellation of bids due to the non-responsiveness of bidders.
- (b)(i) Progress on projects is adversely affected by the above-mentioned factors, which leads to the withdrawal and cancellation of contracts by

professional services. In addition, the withdrawal of contractors results in lengthy legal processes, which causes further delays in the appointment of new contractors.

(b)(ii) Projects are carried over for completion, in 2023/2024 and the outer financial years, over the current Medium-Term Expenditure Framework, in accordance with the User Asset Management Plan.

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