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QUESTION 4546

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4546. Ms Z Majozi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Police:

Whether his department has any plans in place to avail persons who can communicate in sign language at police stations to ensure that persons with hearing impairments are able to report crime; if not, what alternative solutions does the SA Police Service currently have in place to ensure equality of access to justice for persons with disabilities; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

The South African Police Service (SAPS) does have police officers who are able to communicate in sign language, with victims of crime and perpetrators, who have hearing impairments.

All police stations in South Africa have access to sign language interpretation services by means of the partnership with the Deaf Federation of South Africa (DeafSA). The contact details of the DeafSA Sign Language Coordinators were made available on the SAPS Communications Nodal Point and are also available in the Annexure to the SAPS Guidelines for the Policing of Persons with Disabilities that have been distributed to police stations, for utilisation. Members of the SAPS are made aware of the above, during capacity building sessions, at police stations.

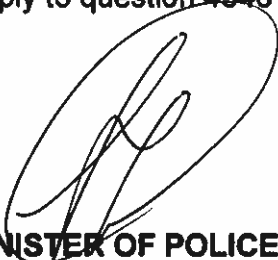
The partnership with DeafSA was formalised by the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement, by the SAPS National Commissioner, on 24 May 2022.

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MINISTER OF POLICE
GENERAL BH CELE, MP
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