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QUESTION 46

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- 46. Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:
- (1) With regard to the Vehicle Clearance and Investigation Unit Building in 2 Bedford Avenue, Benoni, (a) by what date will security be appointed at the premises, so that further vandalism can be deterred and (b) how will dockets be secured;
- (2) (a) what will happen to current queries that were being done there before the documents had been vandalised and (b) do the public and/or companies need to start the procedures from the beginning;
- (3) how will his department (a) establish what is missing and (b) contact the public and/or companies to inform them to restart the whole process?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) By 28 February 2022, South African Police Service (SAPS) reservists will be deployed to the property, to perform security duties and prevent vandalism.
- (1)(b) Case dockets, as well as enquiry files are in the possession of the members of the Benoni Vehicle Crime Investigation Unit. Enquiry files that were stored at the Unit were removed from the premises and are being kept at the Provincial Serious and Violent Crime Offices, in Wynberg.
- (2)(a) All queries are being dealt with on a daily basis and resolved.
- (2)(b) No. The clearance process is a day-to-day process, where members of the public submit their documentation, for clearance. The premises, although not conducive for office accommodation, is still being used for vehicle clearances.

- (3)(a) The Provincial Serious and Violent Crime, together with the Management of the Vehicle Crime Investigation Unit are in the process of auditing files in the archives, to establish which vehicle enquiry files were destroyed.
- (3)(b) The vandalism did not affect any of the files of members of the public or companies, therefore, it does not have any impact on individuals or companies.

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