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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

# QUESTION NO. 462

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**462. Mr A C Roos (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

What (a) is the total number of his department’s mobile units in the Republic, (b) number of these mobile units are in operation, (c) geographic areas do the functional mobile units cover, (d) geographic areas are the non-functional mobile units supposed to cover and (e) was the average turnaround time in the last annual reporting cycle to repair faulty mobile units and return them to operation? NW1454E

**REPLY:**

1. The total number of mobile units in the country is 155 (hundred and fifty five). The number is made up of both the old 114 (hundred and fourteen) mobile units procured between 2005 and 2007 and the new 41 (forty one) mobile units procured between 2017 and 2019 respectively.
2. The total number of functional mobile units in the department is 100 (one hundred). The one hundred comprises of the old 59 (fifty nine) and new 41 (forty one) units. A total of 55 (fifty five) old mobile units are mechanically and economically irreparable, and as such, are earmarked for disposal.
3. The department's mobile units are utilised to complement the existing footprint. The units cover the deep rural and hard to reach areas where the department does not have sufficient coverage in all nine provinces.
4. All mobile units are strategically deployed to cover all rural and hard to reach areas in all 9 (nine) provinces in the republic.
5. The department did not repair any of the mobile units with mechanical problems as those 55 (fifty five) units had reached their end of life term and were economically irreparable. The distribution plan for the 100 (one hundred) units is as follows:

Eastern Cape 14, Free State 9, Gauteng 9, Kwa Zulu Natal 14, Limpopo 12, Mpumalanga 10, Northern Cape 10, North West 9 and Western Cape 10, Special Projects 3.

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