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**542. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) What are the reasons for the insistence by the Station Commander at the Primrose Police Station that she is incapable of answering questions and that all questions relating to the functioning of the specified police station should be sent to the provincial office;

(2) why does the specified station commander continuously refuse to meet with a delegation of public representatives who want to conduct an oversight visit in accordance with the principles of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996?

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**REPLY:**

1. The Station Commander was contacted telephonically by Councillor Tetzani, on 2017-03-01, who indicated that a Democratic Alliance (DA) delegation intended visiting the station and putting questions to the Station Commander, Colonel Vesi. The Station Commander welcomes the visit, but has indicated that questions related to the station, should be directed to the Provincial Office, as this is standard practice in the South African Police Service (SAPS).
2. The Station Commander has never refused to meet with any political delegation. Please refer to the attached correspondence which documents a meeting conducted with the Station Commander on 27 May 2016.