

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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QUESTION 55

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55. Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

(a) What police presence exists at the (i) Numbi, (ii) Phabeni and (iii) Orpen Gates in the Kruger National Park, or the vicinity of the respective gates, (b) in what form is the police presence at each gate, both human and other resources, (c) on what date(s) did the respective police presence commence, (d) what crime recording facilities exist, (e) what are the crime statistics for the past three financial years and (f) what are the crime statistics since 1 January 2022?

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REPLY:

(a)(i) The Numbi Gate falls within Sector Two of the Masoyi police station policing precinct, in the Mpumalanga Province. The Numbi Gate is policed by South African Police Service members, allocated to Sector Two, who are deployed on a daily basis to perform patrols and crime prevention duties. These deployments also service the communities of Numbi Village, Salubinza and Mahusha, as well as routes leading to the Numbi Gate.

(a)(ii) The Phabeni Gate falls within Sector Three of the Hazyview police station policing precinct, in the Mpumalanga Province. The Phabeni Gate is policed by means of the daily deployment of SAPS members, allocated to Sector Three, who also service the communities of Tshabalala Village, by conducting patrols and crime prevention duties.

(a)(iii) The Orpen Gate falls within Sector One of the Hoedspruit police station policing precinct, in the Limpopo Province. The Orpen Gate is policed by SAPS members, allocated to Sector One, who are deployed on a daily basis, to perform sector policing duties, which includes crime prevention and opening case dockets when crimes are reported.

- (b) The following personnel and vehicles are allocated to Visible Policing capabilities at the stations in question:

Police Station	Personnel (Visible Policing)	Vehicles (Visible Policing)
Hazyview	55	13
Masoyi	54	13
Hoedspruit	37	10

There is no allocation of personnel and resources reserved specifically for the entrance gates to the Kruger National Park. SAPS members and vehicles from the Visible Policing capacity, at the relevant police stations, in which precincts the gates are located, are utilised to render services at the gates, as well as to the communities and all routes leading up to gates.

- (c) Access routes to the Kruger National Park and adjacent areas are serviced by means of deployment of SAPS members to identified high risk areas.
- (d) Crime is recorded and case dockets are registered at the relevant police stations, as reflected in paragraph (a).
- (e) The following incidents of crime were recorded, for the past three financial years:
- Numbi Gate: (including the Numbi Gate, Numbi Road, Numbi "Spin City" area and Heroes Academy)- 16 incidents of robbery with a firearm, five incidents of carjacking, five incidents of attempted murder and one incident of malicious damage to property.
- Phabeni Gate: Five incidents of robbery with a firearm, one incident of rape and one incident of attempted murder.
- Orpen gate: No incidents of crime reported.
- (f) The crime statistics, from 1 January 2022, have not been released by the Minister of Police.

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**MINISTER OF POLICE
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