

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY****QUESTION 62**

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**62. Ms D Kohler (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to the Hard Livings gang that allegedly set up a base in Sydenham, Durban where residents are now being killed regularly in what looks to be a full-scale drug war between the Hard Livings gang and the Sydenham Heights Boys gang, the SA Police Service (SAPS) has linked the murders to the Hard Livings gang formerly run by assassinated gang boss Rashied Staggie; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the Sydenham drug kingpin who brought in more than 30 Hard Living gangsters to Sydenham has been arrested; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the SAPS raided (a) C-block in Sydenham (Matlock Grove) and (b) the informal settlement in Georgehill Road, to apprehend those involved; if not, why not; if so what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether the SAPS raided the base of the rival drug peddlers based in A-block, Sydenham; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

- (1) It has not yet been established whether the murders happening in Sydenham are linked to the gang, formerly run by assassinated gang boss Rashied Staggie. However, this information is being distributed via social media by members of the community. This information has not yet been confirmed.
- (2) No, it has not yet been established whether 30 members of the Hard Livings Gang were allegedly brought into Sydenham. However, this is being exaggerated on social media, by members of the community.
- (3)(a) The C-block in Sydenham (Matlock Grove) is regularly raided by the South African Police Service (SAPS).
- (3)(b) The informal settlement in Georgehill Road is also regularly raided by the SAPS.

- (4) Ongoing joint operations are being conducted in both A and C-block (Matlock Grove), as well as the informal settlement in Georgehill Road, by the SAPS and Durban Metro Police Department. The results of raids conducted, since 1 January 2022, in Sydenham Heights are reflected in the table below:

Date	Police Station	CAS number	Charge	Number of suspects arrested
2022-01-06	Sydenham	331/12/2021	Assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm (GBH)	One
2022-01-06	Sydenham	309/12/2021	Assault GBH	One
2022-01-06	Sydenham	305/12/2021	Assault GBH and pointing of firearm	One
2022-01-20	Sydenham	299/11/2011	Assault GBH	Three
2022-01-20	Sydenham	157/01/2022	Robbery	Two
2022-01-20	Sydenham	298/01/2022	Attempted murder	One
2022-01-20	Sydenham	265/01/2022	Assault GBH	One
2022-01-20	Sydenham	268/01/2022	Assault GBH	One
2022-01-20	Sydenham	266/01/2022	Assault GBH	One

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**MINISTER OF POLICE**  
**GENERAL BH CELE, MP**

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