

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY**QUESTION 667**

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667. Ms R N Komane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:

In light of the increased reports of children being kidnapped on their way to and from various schools, by what date will he establish a division that specialises and only works with gender-based violence and crimes related to children to address the challenge?

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REPLY:

The SAPS is a nationally structured department, which is delineated in two ways, the first being in terms of the functions that are performed, as informed by Section 205(3) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, and the second being in terms of geographic location, which is structured into a national office, provincial and district offices, and police stations and units, which are the physical offices from which the policing service is provided to the community. The two key functions that drive the SAPS' approach to GBV and sexual offense are the crime prevention and crime investigation functions, for which two distinct capabilities exist, at all levels in the organisation.

At a community level, the crime prevention capability that addresses GBV and sexual offences is social crime prevention, which focuses on the education of the community, raising awareness and improving stakeholder engagement on specified crime threats. The reactive capability at local level comprises two specific elements, an administrative reactive capability and an investigative reactive capability. The SAPS has established a dedicated administrative reactive capability for sexual offences and GBV at all police stations, namely the Gender-Based Violence, or GBV Desks, which were established at all police stations, by the end of the 2022/23 financial year. The SAPS also has a dedicated reactive investigative capacity at community level, namely the Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS), of which there are 185 Units country-wide.

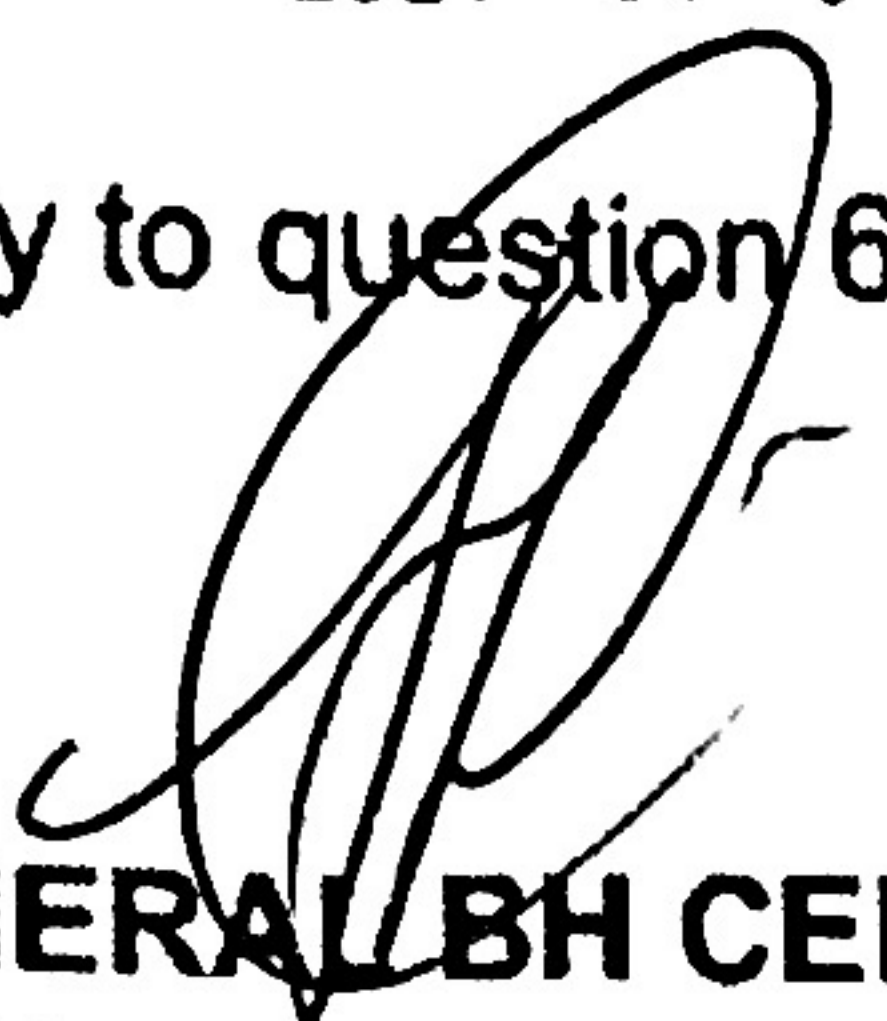
The SAPS has prioritised these two critical functional areas for additional capacitation during 2022/23 and 2023/24, by providing additional resources, including human resources and by improving the skills and competencies of the allocated SAPS members. These two functional areas will continue to be prioritised for further capacitation, during 2024/25.

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