

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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763. Mrs A Steyn (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

(a) What total number of all types of aircraft does the SA Police Service (SAPS) Air Wing have under its control, (b) where is each one of the aircraft stationed, (c) what total number is operational, (d) what are the reasons for those that are not operational, (e) what is the total number of (i) pilots and (ii) other support staff in the SAPS Air Wing, (f) what is the yearly budget for the SAPS Air Wing and (g) what is the total budget for maintenance of aircraft?

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REPLY:

- (a) The South African Police Service (SAPS) has a total number of 34 aircraft.
- (b) The details of where the aircraft are stationed, is reflected in the table below:

Province	Aircraft
Eastern Cape	Bulembu Air Wing- two helicopters
	Port Elizabeth Air Wing- two helicopters
Gauteng	National Heliport (Pretoria)- three helicopters
	Johannesburg Air Wing (Germiston)- two aircraft (one helicopter and one aeroplane)
	Wonderboom Air Wing- 10 aircraft (two helicopters and eight aeroplanes)
Free State	Bloemfontein Air Wing- three aircraft (two helicopters and one aeroplane)
KwaZulu-Natal	Durban Air Wing- two helicopters
Limpopo	Polokwane Air Wing- three aircraft (two helicopters and one aeroplane)
Mpumalanga	Nelspruit Air Wing- one helicopter
North West	Potchefstroom Air Wing- two aircraft (two helicopters)
Northern Cape	Kimberley Air Wing- two aircraft (one helicopter and one aeroplane)
Western Cape	Cape Town Air Wing- two helicopters

- (c) A total number of 15 aircraft are operational.
- (d) A total number of 17 aircraft are undergoing mandatory periodic inspection and two aircraft are grounded for investigation purposes, after a crash and a hard landing, respectively.
- (e)(i) The total number of pilots, is 54.
- (e)(ii) There is a total number of 309 support staff in the SAPS Air Wing.
- (f) The 2020/2021 budget for the Air Wing, is R86 743 000,00.
- (g) The total 2020/2021 budget for the maintenance of aircraft, is R68 743 000,00.

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

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