

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLYQUESTION 792DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 12 MARCH 2021  
(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO 8-2021)**792. Mr H A Shembeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What (a) total number of police officers have left the SA Police Service through (i) resignation, (ii) death and/or (iii) dismissal during the 2019-20 financial year and (b) plans does his department have in place to replace the lost capacity?

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**REPLY:**

- (a)(i)(ii)(iii) According to a report, which was drawn from the Internal Administration System of the South African Police Service (SAPS), on 15 March 2021, the total number of police officers, who left the SAPS through resignation, death and/or dismissal, in the 2019/2020 financial year, is reflected in the table below:

Category	Total
(i) Resignation	1 733
(ii) Deceased	719
(iii) Dismissal	343
Retirement with Pension	1 009
Ill Health Retirement	311
Contract Expiry	2
Interdepartmental Transfer	12
Dishonourable Discharge	117
Discharge of Members Failing to Complete Basic Training	10
Section 35	2
Early Retirement	870
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 128</b>

- (b) Due to the significant reduction in the compensation budget of the SAPS, over the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF), which was introduced by the National Treasury, the number of new police officers to be enlisted to replace the lost capacity, is still to be determined. However, the SAPS enlisted

a total number of 2 504 reservists/security officers, as permanent police officers, on 1 December 2020.

In addition to the above, trained and skilled police officers, who left the SAPS honourably, in the ranks of Constable, Sergeant and Warrant Officer, have been invited to apply for re-enlistment, in order to capacitate police stations and specialised units. The process is at an advanced stage and it is envisaged that the date of re-enlistment, will be 1 April 2021.

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

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