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**SUBJECT : RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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Enclosed herewith please find attached responses to above-mentioned written reply.

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473. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Safety and Liaison:

- (1) How many police reservists were there in the province in the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19 and (iii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 1		
(i) 2017/2018	(ii) 2018/2019	(iii) 2019/2020
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- (2) whether her Department has a target number of police reservists that are required in the province; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 2

In terms of the National Instruction 3 of 2014 which guides the establishment and functioning of the Reserve Police Service (Reservists), the number of reservists to be recruited annually will be determined by the National Commissioner which is based on the operational needs and priorities of the Police.

The Divisional Commissioner: Visible Policing is responsible to facilitate and communicate recruitment drives at the beginning of the financial year, subject to the number of reservists as determined by the component Organizational Development and the availability of resources to train such reservists. In other words, if it is determined that specific Stations have a need for reservists, recruitment drives will be initiated that will target those specific Station areas to ensure it is capacitated optimally in terms of the operational needs and number of reservists required.

During a Quarterly review session, the province was provisionally provided with the ideal number of reservists to be 1172.

- (3) whether the province has a sufficient number of police reservists; if not, what steps is her Department taking with a view to ensuring that police reservists are recruited in the province;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 3

- The Province does not have a sufficient number of reservists.
- A total of 212 reservists were recruited and appointed during the 2017/2018 financial year.
- Stations are continuously encouraged to identify and recruit suitable candidates to be reservists.

- The Province embarked on a recruitment drive from 8 October 2019 to 10 October 2019 in the OR Tambo District focusing on the areas of Lusikisiki, Mthatha and Mqanduli in order to encourage the community to enlist as reservists.

- (4) whether all police reservists have obtained the necessary firearm competency certificates; if not, why and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 4

Not all police reservists have obtained the necessary firearm competency certificates; Training for reservists is done in two phases. Firearm competency is dealt with in Phase Two of the Reservist training, a phase that is preceded by Introductory Training for Reservists which falls under Phase One.

After completion of Phase One, reservists are allowed to perform CSC functions under supervision before they can be sent for Firearm Competency.

Some reservists are found Not Yet Competent in the Use Of Firearm assessment.

Paragraph 15 (2) of National Instruction 3 of 2014 (The Reserve Police Service) states:

"A reservist must attend firearm shooting practices as prescribed by the Firearms Control Act. If a reservist is found not competent during these assessments, an official firearm may not be issued to the reservist when performing duties until such time that he or she is reassessed and found competent."

The firearm competency certificate is issued to a reservist only when he/she is declared competent in the Use of Firearm training.

- (5) whether the police reservists receive any remuneration; if so, (a) what is the budget for the province for the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) can she kindly provide the relevant details with regard to payments made to reservists in the province;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 5

a) In terms of the National Instruction for Reservists, National Instruction 3 of 2014, a reservist performs voluntary duties in support of the Police without any remuneration for duties performed. It is expected that a reservist performs a minimum of sixteen (16) hours functional duty per month. Reservists are at times remunerated for specific operations or events as determined and approved by the National Commissioner.



b) No budget is allocated for the remuneration of reservists to the provinces however the South African Police Service Amendment Regulations, 2013 5(1) to 5(3), allows for the National Commissioner to call reservists up to perform duties, for which they may receive remuneration in accordance with a predetermined scale. The budget for the remuneration of reservists is then allocated to the provinces by the National Head Office when reservists are called up for such specific duties as determined by the National Commissioner. Applications for the remuneration of reservists may be submitted to the National Office for consideration and are subject to approval for specific duties where their services are required as force multipliers for such operations or events.

The following remuneration budgets were approved by the National Commissioner for the current financial year where reservists have been called up for deployment:

National and Provincial Elections	-	R 686 070.00
Festive Season deployments	-	R1 800 000.00

- (6) whether all the police reservists receive any training; if so, (a) what training do they receive and (b) when last has her Department conducted this training; if not, why;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 6

All reservists receive training; (a) detailed below, is the training they receive:

- Introductory Training for Reservists
- In-Service Firearm Training (theory)
- Legal Principles
- CSC for Category 1 Reservists
- Crime Prevention for Category 1 Reservists
- Use of Firearm: Handgun
- Use of Firearm: Rifle
- Use of Firearm: Shotgun
- Practical functions outside the CSC

(b) 26 July 2019 was the last training date (CSC for Category 1 Reservists)

A note should be taken that some reservists have completed the whole training package whereas some have not, due to the phases

that each individual has to undergo.

Between 2019-10-28 and 2019-11-22 Use Of Firearm training (handgun) for one hundred and ninety four (194) reservists is envisaged to take place as follows:

- Bhishe Shooting Range – 84 reservists
- Addo Shooting Range – 71 reservists
- Mthatha Shooting Range – 39 reservists

- (7) what (a) protective gear and (b) weapons has her Department given to police reservists to protect and defend themselves while on duty in the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 7

a) All stations have been instructed to ensure that all reservists are issued with bullet resistant vests and pepper sprays when they are placed on duty.

b) The reservists are trained in the standardized firearms used by the SAPS which is the handgun (9mm pistol), Rifle and shotgun. When reservists are placed on duty, they must be issued with a handgun or alternative firearm in order for them to be able to defend themselves.