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Dear Hon MEC

**RESPONSE TO IQP 45 QUESTION 1086, 1087, 1088 WRITTEN REPLY**

Attached herewith are responses to written parliamentary questions 1086, 1087, 1088 to be submitted to the Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature.

This serves as a formal submission of said responses.

Kind regards

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Mr V. W. Mapolisa  
Head of the Department  
Date: 10 February 2021

**1086. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Safety and Liaison:**

- (1) How many helicopters (a) should have and (b) have actually been allocated to the province and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

**RESPONSE TO QUESTION 1 :**

- (a) The Province should have four (4) helicopters.  
(b) We are allocated with four (4) helicopters.

- (2) how many helicopters are currently fully operational and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

**RESPONSE TO QUESTION 2:**

There is no helicopter that is currently serviceable in the Province.

- (3) how many helicopters are currently being serviced and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

**RESPONSE TO QUESTION 3:**

All four (4) helicopters are currently being serviced

- (4) what is the breakdown of how long these helicopters have been serviced and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

**RESPONSE TO QUESTION 4:**

1. H 125 (Squirrel) , ZS- RDH

On 2018-09-30, it was booked for its 12 year mid-life inspection/ service and it will be serviceable before the end of March 2021.

2. R 44 (Robinson) , ZS- RLD

On 2019-07-12, it was booked for its inspection and this office is awaiting call up for the service.

3. H 125 (Squirrel) , ZS- RPA

On 2020-11-11, it was involved in an accident during forced landing and its engine was severely damaged

4. R 44 (Robinson) , ZS- RKN

On 2020-12-01, it was booked for its inspection and this office is awaiting call up for the service.

(5) what is the reason for any shortfall in the number of helicopters that should be allocated to the province and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 5:

There is no short fall in the number of allocation of helicopters in the province.

(6) when is it likely that these helicopters will be back in service and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 6:

1. ZS - RDH will be back in service by 2021-04-01
2. ZS - RLD will be back in service by 2022-07-01
3. ZS - RPA will be back in service by 2021-09 01
4. ZS - RKN will be back in service by 2022-07-01

(7) how many pilots (a) should there be and (b) are currently available to fly the helicopters allocated to the South African Police Service (SAPS) and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 7:

- (a) there should be seven (7) pilots in the province.
- (b) there are five (5) that are available to fly the helicopters.

(8) how many fixed-wing aircrafts (a) should there be and (b) are there actually in the province and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 8:

- (a) None
- (b) there is no fixed- wing aircraft allocated to the province.

(9) how many fixed-wing aircrafts are currently serviceable in the province and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 9:

None

(10) (a) for how long have these fixed-wing aircrafts been out of service and (b) what is the breakdown thereof and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 10:

N/A

- (11) when her Department anticipates the full complement of fixed-wing aircrafts will be expected to be fully operational in the province and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 11:

N/A

- (12) how many pilots (a) should they have and (b) do they currently have for fixed-wing aircraft and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 12:

N/A