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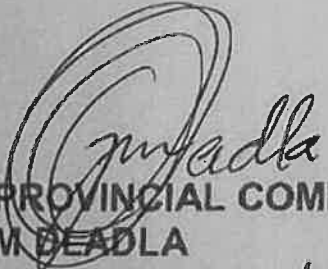
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Dear Mr VW Mapolisa

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY IN PARLIAMENT: 51-2022 (1152)

Enclosed herewith please find response to question in parliament from the South African Police Service.


MAJOR GENERAL
PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER: EASTERN CAPE
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Date: 2022/03/02

Friday, 4 February 2022]

No 51 - 2022] THIRD SESSION, SIXTH LEGISLATURE

**LEGISLATURE OF THE PROVINCE
OF THE EASTERN CAPE**

INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER

1152. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Safety and Liaison:

- (1) What (a) should the fixed staff establishment be and (b) is the current number of staff at the Humewood Police Station for the (i) 2020/21 and (ii) 2021/22 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 1

(a) Humewood Fixed Establishment (Granted) : 237

(b) (i) 2020/2021 Actual: 187

VISPOL	108
DETECTIVES	39
SUPPORT	40

(b)(ii) 2021/2022 Actual: 175

VISPOL	100
DETECTIVES	36
SUPPORT	39

- (2) whether her Department has taken or envisages to take any steps with a view to addressing staff shortages at the said police station; if so, what steps;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 2

An effort will be made to allocate more operational members to this station after the completion of their basic training by newly recruited police trainees during December 2022.

- (3) with reference to the abovementioned police station, how many (a) detectives and (b) vehicles (aa) should be allocated and (bb) does the station currently have for the abovementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 3

- (a) According to Fixed establishment: 60 Detectives
(b) Detectives have 17 vehicles
(aa) the detectives are supposed to have 19 vehicles
(bb) Currently the station detective unit has 33 vehicles

- (4) whether any of the abovementioned police station vehicles are currently undergoing repairs; if so, how many (a) are undergoing repairs and (b) have done more than 200 000 km for the abovementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 4

- (a) 4 vehicles are currently undergoing repairs
(b) 5 vehicles has done 200 000km and above.

- (5) what is the ratio of vehicles at the abovementioned police station to detectives in the Humewood policing area for the abovementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 5

The ratio to detectives is currently at 1:2.18

- (6) (a) why has her Department allegedly not implemented the beachfront safety sector as of yet and (b) can she kindly provide the relevant details in terms of the obstacles that are currently delaying the implementation;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 6

(a)The beachfront safety sector has not been implemented because of personnel shortage. There is however a strong partnership between South African Police Service, Metro, Security companies and Community Policing Forum together with the neighbourhood watch that addresses the daily deployment focusing on the beachfront.

(b) The shortage of personnel is hindering the establishment of a separate sector for the beach front.

- (7) what steps has her Department put in place with a view to overcoming the obstacles mentioned in (6) above;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 7

The recruitment process of 2019/2020 for new enlistment in the SAPS has recommenced and is underway. It is envisaged that upon completion of training of new recruits, members will be allocated to capacitate the station.

- (8) when her Department anticipates the beachfront safety sector will be expected to be implemented and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 8

The status-quo will be maintained as per response on number 6(a) pending capacitation of the station.

- (9) whether there has been an upsurge in crime along the beachfront area; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in terms of the breakdown of the types of crimes that have been committed in the 2021/22 financial year as compared to that of the 2020/21 financial year;

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 9

Crimes along the Humewood beachfront area increased during the period, 1st April 2021 to 31st December 2021 as indicated in the table below

APRIL TO DECEMBER		
CRIME CATEGORY	2020/2021	2021/2022
Sexual offences	1	5
Attempted murder	0	1
Assault with the intent to inflict grievous bodily harm	6	4
Common assault	3	11
Common robbery	9	9
Carjacking	1	0
Robbery at non-residential area	1	1
Malicious damage to property	7	5
Burglary at non-residential premises	13	5
Burglary at residential premises	5	4
Theft of motor vehicle and motorcycle	3	9
Theft out of or from motor vehicle	57	101
All theft not mentioned elsewhere	29	31
Commercial crime	11	8
Shoplifting	1	1

- (10) what steps is the South African Police Service (SAPS) taking with a view to improving safety along the Humewood policing beachfront area as well as combating vandalism and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

RESPONSE TO QUESTION 10

- The daily deployment of one vehicle with two members by SAPS and the members from the Metro bicycle unit.
- Daily removal of vagrants out of the shrubs and trees alongside the beach
- Stop & Search operations and foot patrols are conducted on daily basis.