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TO : HANSARD AND HOUSE BUSINESS
FROM : MEC FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY
SUBJECT : RESPONSES TO QUESTION 7 OF IQP 37 FOR ORAL REPLY

***7. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Community Safety:**

QUESTION	RESPONSE			
1. How many reported attacks have been recorded on long-distance passenger buses in the province in the (i) 2020/21, (ii) 2021/22 and (iii) 2022/23 financial years as per the latest specified date for which information is available;	i) 7 ii) 61 iii) 27			
2. what is the breakdown of the (a) the nature of these attacks, (b) injuries and (c) deaths during these attacks as per the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;	Year	(a) nature	(b) injuries	(c) deaths
	2020/21	Nil	None	None
	2021/22	malicious damage to property = 17; Attempted murder = 4 Intimidation = 40	None	None
	2022/23	Malicious damage to property = 12 Attempted murder = 7 Intimidation = 8	None	None
3. what has been the impact of these attacks on these buses operating within the province and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Buses don't reach their destination on time.• There are financial implications involved – Buses are being damaged and repairs are extensive.• Passengers are reluctant to purchase tickets because of the attacks.• Drivers are threatened and reluctant to drive on the			

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	affected routes.
4. whether his Department has made any requests for either (a) police or (b) traffic escorts with a view to assist the safe passage of these busses in the province; if not, why; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;	<p>a) there has been no requests for police or traffic police escorts in 2022/21 and 2021/22.</p> <p>b) There has been 4734 police escorts in 2022/23.</p>
5. whether he has been informed of any extortion racket to extract money from these bus companies for safe passage or intimidation tactics to prevent them from operating; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, can he kindly provide the relevant details?	<p>No, I have not been informed of any case of extortion racket to extract money from bus companies. There has been no cases reported on extortion.</p> <p>Only intimidation cases were recorded.</p>