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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH 2023

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

With regard to the Flying Squad Unit in the Gqeberha policing area:

- (1) How many members (a) are there currently and (b) should be there ideally, in the flying squad unit in the area mentioned above as per the (i) 2020/21, (ii) 2021/22 and (iii) 2022/23 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

<u>Response to Question 1</u>				
(a) 61				
(b) 52				
	FLYING SQUAD MOUNT ROAD	FIXED ESTABLISHMENT	ACTUAL	DIFF
(i)	2020/21	64	66	2
(ii)	2021/22	64	64	0
(iii)	2022/23	52	61	9

- (2) for how many days in (a) February and (b) March in the current financial year did the abovementioned squad have no operational vehicles available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

Response to Question 2

- (a) 4 days in February: 2023-02-24 to 2023-02-27
All five (5) operational vehicles were in the garage for reasons such as service, brakes, and mechanical repairs.
- (b) None in March

- (3) how many of the flying squad vehicles allocated to the unit mentioned above, does the unit (a) have and (b) need 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;

Response to Question 3

- (a) The Unit have been allocated seven (7) vehicles
- (b) One (1) vehicle allocated in 2016/2017 financial year.
Three (3) vehicles allocated in 2018/2019 financial year.
Three (3) vehicle allocated in 2020/2021 financial year.

- (4) how many vehicles are (a) being boarded and (b) currently non-operational for more than 30 days as per the breakdown of the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

Response to Question 4

- (a) The Unit has 1 vehicle in a process of being board.
- (b) The Unit has 1 non-operational vehicles.

- (5) what is the high-performance vehicle breakdown in the unit mentioned above, with regard to how many high-performance vehicles (a) should be fully operational and (b) are currently fully operational for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

Response to Question 5

- (a) The Unit has four(4) high performance vehicles
- (b) The Unit has three (3) high performance that are fully operational

- (6) how many vehicles have exceeded (a) 150 000km, (b) 200 000km and (c) 300 000km 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;

Response to Question 6

- (a) The Unit has 2 vehicles more than 150 000 km
- (b) The Unit has 1 vehicle more than 200 000 km
- (c) The Unit has 1 vehicle more than 300 000 km

- (7) whether his Department anticipates any additional vehicles will be supplied to the unit mentioned above; if so, (a) when will they be supplied, (b) how much has been budgeted in this regard and (c) over which financial period;

Response to Question 7

- (a) The Department does not anticipate for any additional vehicles so far to the Unit as they have a surplus of nine (9) vehicles.
- (b) N/A
- (c) N/A

- (8) when last did the abovementioned unit receive new vehicles and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

Response to Question 8

In 2020/2021 financial year.

- (9) how many non-operational vehicles (a) does his Department currently have in the garage and (b) has his Department boarded for the aforementioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

Response to Question 9

- (a) 1 - BVK 872B Nissan X-Trail
- (b) 1 – BVH458B VW Golf

- (10) what is the average turnaround time for these vehicles once they have been sent to the garage for repairs and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION	ACCIDENTS	AVERAGE DAYS	DAMAGES	AVERAGE DAYS	REPAIRS	AVERAGE DAYS	SERVICES	AVERAGE DAYS
MOUNT ROAD-WORKSHOP	0	0	2	9	809	13	821	1

- (11) (a) how many vehicles are currently out of service due to (i) service required, (ii) tyres needed, (iii) mechanical repairs or (iv) other faults and (v) can he

kindly specify for the flying squad unit mentioned above and can he kindly provide other relevant details in this regard;

(a)(i) service required	(a)(ii) tyres needed	(a)(iii) mechanical repairs	(a)(iv) other faults	(a)(v) relevant details
1. BVX 464B 2. BWC125B	NONE	1. BVK 872 B	NONE	NONE

- (12) how does the lack of vehicles affect service delivery in the area mentioned above and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

Response to Question 12

- PE Flying Squad is serving the Metro in attending to serious crimes in progress and they are also deployed to police the highways
- In addition to above this unit performs crime prevention duties and is active in police generated crime successes
- The lack of rapid response vehicles reduces the response ability in attending to serious crimes in progress

- (13) when his Department anticipates these repairs, services etc. will be seen to in order to fully equip the flying squad unit with the vehicles that they need and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

Response to Question 13

Reasons by vehicle grounded	Vehicle detail	Anticipated time of repair service or tyre fitment
(a) service required	BVX 464 B BWC 125 B	2023-04-07
(b) tyres needed	None	None
(c) mechanical repairs	BVK 872 B	2023-04-07
(d) Other faults, can he kindly specify	None	None

- (14) what measures his Department anticipates can be put in place, going forward, with a view to speeding up the process of repairing these vehicles in order for the South African Police Service (SAPS) members to continue their work as efficiently as possible and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

Response to Question 14

Our unit adhere to the strict procurement protocols by ensuring that the process of procurement starts well ahead for the service and procurement of tyres for the vehicles. The Garage is prioritising the Flying Squad vehicles

- (15) why is a new BMW highway patrol labelled vehicle allegedly being utilized by the management of the Mount Road Police Station and can he kindly provide other relevant details in this regard?

Response to Question 15

The vehicle is allocated for the District Commissioner's Office. This vehicle is a need and operational and all other Districts Commissioner's Offices were allocated such a vehicle. This vehicle is also used when Senior Management from Head office visit the Province (District).