

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY**QUESTION 247**

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247. Ms T Halse (DA) to ask the Minister of Police: [146] [Question submitted for oral reply now placed for written reply because it is more than quota (Rule 137(8))]

With reference to the critical shortage of SA Police Service officers at the Ladybrand Police Station in the Free State, what are the relevant details of the (a) total cost of hosting the Festive Season Inspection Roadshow in Ladybrand in December 2023 and (b) tangible benefits, such as increased staff complements, that the hosting of the specified Roadshow has brought to the residents of Ladybrand?

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REPLY:

(a) The visit was part of a National Joint Operational and Intelligence Structure (NATJOINTS) instruction to assess the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the provincial readiness to effectively deal with the volume of people travelling through the Ports of Entry. The Free State leg of the Safer Festive Season inspection and roadshow was held at the Ladybrand Police Station, which is the closest police station to the Maseru Port of Entry. There was a briefing, parade, and walk-about to engage the communities of Ladybrand.

The cost incurred for hosting the inspection and roadshow was for refreshments only, to the amount of R28 250. The refreshments were for the Ministerial delegation, National Commissioners delegation and all the deployed personnel.

(b) On 20 December 2023, 36 members from the Free State Provincial Office were deployed to the Ladybrand Police Station, to join the multi-disciplinary operations and roadblocks. As a result, lower levels of crime were recorded for December 2023 and January 2024 respectively.

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