## **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

## FOR WRITTEN REPLY

#### **QUESTION 231**

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231. Mr V Gericke (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:[★23] [Question submitted for oral reply now placed for written reply because it is more than quota (Rule 137(8))]

Considering the prevalence of the protection fee rackets run by gangster syndicates, particularly in Cape Town, to demand money from businesses to allegedly protect such businesses' interests, what (a) intelligence does Crime Intelligence Operations have on the operations of these protection fee rackets and (b) plans of action does the SA Police Service have in place to stamp out this practice?

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## REPLY:

- (a) Operational information cannot be disclosed, due to its sensitive nature, which can adversely affect ongoing investigations
- (b) A multi-disciplinary Extortion Priority Committee was established to address the various manifestations of extortion in the province, including extortion affecting the formal and informal business sectors.

The focus of this Committee includes investigations with dedicated prosecutorial capacity from the National Prosecuting Authority.

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