

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLYQUESTION 845

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845. Mr A G Whitfield (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

- (1) With reference to the alleged police negligence and misconduct recently reported to have occurred in and around Kat-Kop in the Eastern Cape, what are the reasons that the SA Police Service (SAPS) members at the Mount Fletcher Police Station (a) failed to respond to the report of a rape for a period of two days, (b) requested that the local community in Kat-Kop detain the alleged perpetrator for a period of two days, (c) failed to take a statement from the victim upon their eventual response and (d) failed to arrest the alleged perpetrator;
- (2) whether consequence management steps have been taken against each of the SAPS members responsible for the alleged failures and/or misconduct; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether any support services have been offered to the victim; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether the alleged perpetrator has been arrested and charged; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) what is the current situation regarding (a) members of the local community and (b) the victim's son, who were reportedly arrested by the SAPS members?

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REPLY:


- (1)(a)(b)(c)(d) There was no delay, as the complaint in question was responded to immediately by members of the Katkop Police Station and thereafter, by the Mount Fletcher Family Violence Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) Unit.

The community was never asked to detain the alleged perpetrator. A suspect was, however, taken into custody and handed over to the Mount Fletcher FCS Unit, for further handling.

The victim's statement was taken immediately, prior to the individual being referred to the Mount Fletcher Hospital, on 2024-02-07. A suspect in the case was arrested by the SAPS and his DNA was obtained. The results of the DNA analysis are pending.

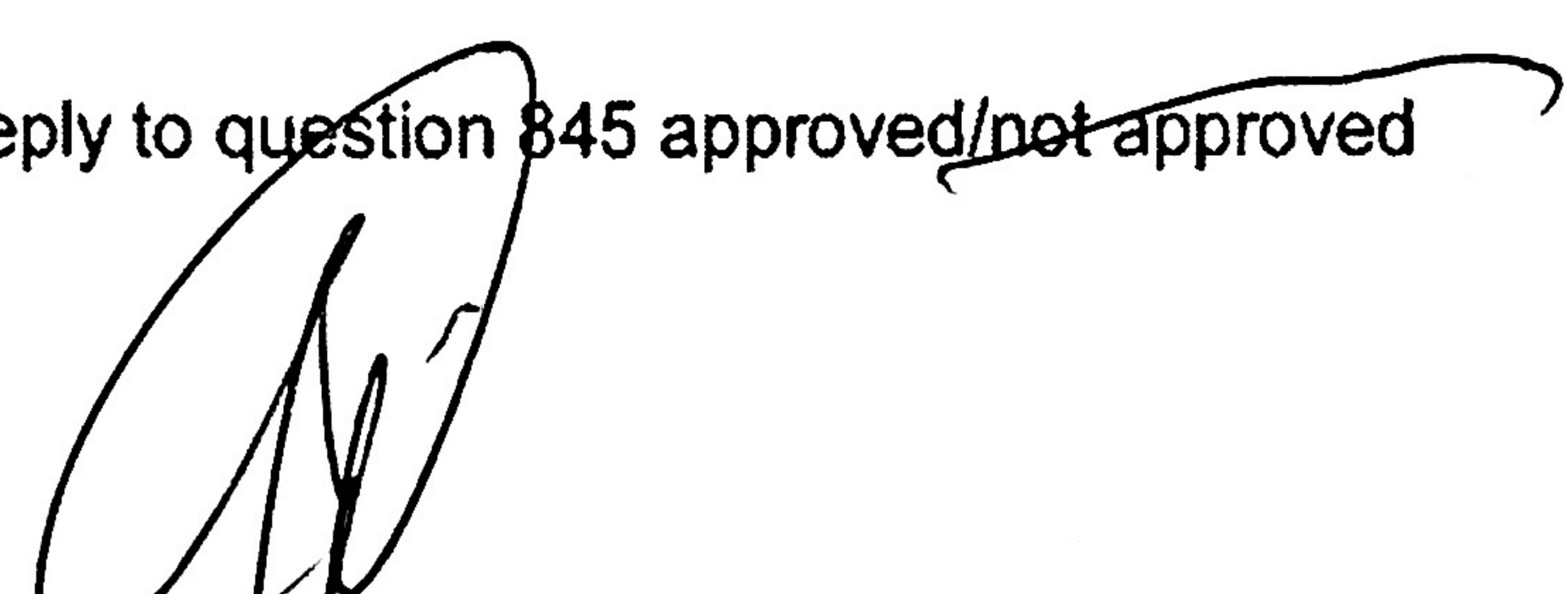
- (2) It was not necessary for consequence management to be applied, as there was no discernable negligence or any omission of duties by the SAPS members who attended to the complaint.
- (3) Support was given to the victim, as she was referred to and attended to by a doctor at the Mount Fletcher Hospital. A social worker was also allocated to her and the counselling was conducted by Ms B Halayi, at the Mount Fletcher Hospital.
- (4) The investigation is still ongoing, as the DNA analysis report is pending which will provide an indicator of whether or not the suspect can be excluded from the investigation.
- (5)(a)(b) No members of the local community were arrested for the rape case, however, four community members, including the son of the victim were severely assaulted by community members, who were subsequently arrested on a charge of assault with the intent to inflict grievous bodily harm. This matter is currently at court, Katkop CAS 12/02/2024 – Assault GBH, refers.

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MINISTER OF POLICE
GENERAL BH CELE, MP

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