

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY**QUESTION 99**

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99. M. Gen O S Terblanche (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

Given that the optimal management of the vehicle fleet of the SA Police Service (SAPS) is of utmost importance to ensure maximum mobility at all times and quick response times when required, (a) what changes were introduced under the reign of M. Gen Dibankwane in the SAPS and (b) how did the specified changes contribute to safer communities?

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REPLY:

- (a) The status of the vehicle fleet in the South African Police Service (SAPS) has been affected by a number of variables such as: the ageing fleet, increased prices of new motor vehicles, the increased number of police stations and increased mileage on vehicles, due to additional operational deployments, through Operation Shanela, to increase police visibility, to list a few. Various improvement initiatives have been put in place, with each being at varying stages of implementation. Some of these initiatives include the purchasing specialised tools, altering procurement packages to include extended warranties on new vehicles, putting in place several contracts to respond quickly to breakdowns, and participation in the Extended Public Works Programme. All of these initiatives are aimed at reducing the turnaround time for the repair and/or maintenance of vehicles, so as to improve vehicle availability.
- (b) The overall availability of the SAPS' vehicle fleet is currently at 80%. In addition to the initiatives alluded in part (a) above, the SAPS has a project in place to improve the fleet availability factor, to more than 90%, thereby improving overall vehicle availability. While vehicles are a critical resource to the SAPS in its efforts to improve safety in communities, there are a number of other internal and external variables that also contribute to improving safety in communities. There is,

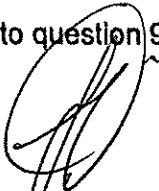
however, no doubt that improved vehicle availability will enable the various crime prevention, combating and investigation functions that are performed by the SAPS.

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