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FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION 20 (was oral qt 19)

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20. Mr O S Terblanche (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

What are the (a) reasons for the shortage of (i) vehicles, (ii) firearms, (iii) uniform and (iv) other logistical support at the SA Police Service and (b) time frames to address such issues?

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REPLY:

- (a)(i) The actual average ratio of personnel to vehicles is 48 247 against a current personnel of 191 371, which represents a ratio of 3.97 members to one vehicle.
- (a)(ii) There are currently no shortages of firearms in the South African Police Service (SAPS).
- (a)(iii) There are currently no shortages of uniform.
- (a)(iv) Three-year contracts are in place and purchase orders are generated annually according to a pre-determined needs assessment, within the allocated budget.
- (b) The vehicle allocation for 2017/2018 will increase and will therefore, enhance the ratio of personnel to vehicles.