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INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER

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1. Questions for oral reply will be printed in full in the Question Paper for the day for which they have been set down for reply.
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

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***44. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Safety and Liaison:**

- (1) Whether her Department is currently evaluating the South African Police Service (SAPS) Rural Safety Strategy; if so, can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

RESPONSE

The department has prioritized the evaluation of South African Police Service Rural Safety strategy on an annual basis. This evaluation takes place in the second and fourth quarters of the financial year. For the 2020/21 financial year considering the high levels of stock theft in the province the department assessed the capacity of stock theft units in Mthatha; Uitenhage; Tsolo; Qumbu; Cradock and Jeffreys Bay. This report can be made available to the Committee within 7 working days.

- (2) (a) how far along is the process with regard to (1) above and (b) when her Department anticipates the process will be completed and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard

RESPONSE

Considering that we are in the second quarter the department has already assessed SAPS implementation of its Rural Safety Strategy at Alice, Bityi and Storms River police stations. It is envisaged that Maluti police station will be assessed during September 2021. A consolidated report on the four police stations assessed will be completed by the end of October 2021.

- (3) When her Department anticipates the findings of this evaluation will be presented to the Portfolio Committee and can she kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

RESPONSE

The findings of the evaluation of the implementation of SAPS Rural Safety strategy as stated above will be completed by the end of October 2021 and once signed off by the HOD and MEC it will be available for presentation to the Committee.