

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY**QUESTION 856**

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856. Mr J Engelbrecht (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:

What total amount in Rand has been spent on (a) catering, (b) entertainment and (c) accommodation for (i) him, (ii) the Deputy Minister and (iii) officials of his department since 29 May 2019?

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REPLY:

It should be noted that expenditure of government departments, including the South African Police Service (SAPS), is recorded, per month and per financial year and not from a specific date, i.e. 29 May 2019. In terms of the financial reporting structure, prescribed by National Treasury, accommodation expenditure is defined as expenditure incurred when an official must take an official journey for which the employer shall pay for reasonable actual accommodation costs incurred at a hotel, guest house, room, etc.

(a)(b)(c)(i)(ii)

The Ministry of Police is one of the cost centres in the SAPS and the budget and expenditure of that cost centre are managed within that framework, to be inclusive of expenditure for the Minister, Deputy Minister and their staff. The Office of the Ministry of Police spent the following amounts on catering, entertainment and accommodation, for the relevant financial years:

Period	(a) Catering	(b) Entertainment *	(c) Accommodation	
2019/20 financial year	R354 414	R6 986	R3 413 017	Ministry of Police
2020/21 financial year	R44 071	R0	R1 502 933	Ministry of Police
2021/22 financial year	R24 781	R0	R2 106 357	Ministry of Police
1 April 2022 to 17 June 2022	R19 880	R0	R434 544	Ministry of Police

* Please note that in line with National Treasury Regulations 3 of 2017/2018, SAPS implemented Policy 4/2018 (Cost Containment Measures for the South African Police Service), which includes measures to inter alia reduce spending on entertainment expenses. The Cost Containment Policy 4/2018 is applicable to both SAPS and Ministry of Police. Entertainment expenses relates to refreshments, in the form of coffee, tea, non-alcoholic beverages and biscuits, for visitors to the offices of all Senior Management Service (SMS) members in the Ministry and SAPS including Station Commanders, which will not exceed two thousand rand (R2000) per SMS member or Station Commander (irrespective of the rank) cumulatively per financial year.

(a)(b)(c)(iii)

The expenditure for all other officials in the SAPS for catering, entertainment and accommodation, for the relevant financial years, is as follows:

Period	(a) Catering	(b) Entertainment *	(c) Accommodation	
2019/20 financial year	R23 967 759	R618 959	R501 339 066	All other SAPS officials
2020/21 financial year	R4 262 799	R521 105	R341 975 432	All other SAPS officials
2021/22 financial year	R11 454 216	R585 474	R588 035 229	All other SAPS officials
1 April 2022 to 17 June 2022	R2 642 766	R140 440	R144 210 750	All other SAPS officials

(It should be noted that accommodation expenditure of officials in the SAPS, will realise at higher levels in instances where officials had to be accommodated away from their normal place of work, due to specific operational needs and deployment requirements, i.e. unrest periods, elections, other events of national importance, detached duties, investigation of criminal cases, etc.)

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**MINISTER OF POLICE
GENERAL BH CELE, MP**

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