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Dear Mr P Mbambo

QUESTION FOR ORAL REPLY IN PARLIAMENT: QUESTION 25-2025 (9,10, 11)

Enclosed herewith please find response to question in parliament from the South African Police Service.

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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.
- 2. *Indicates a question for oral reply.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

FRIDAY, 18 JULY 2025

*10. Mr Y Cassim to ask the MEC responsible for Community Safety:

Noting an alleged spate of high-profile kidnappings in Gqeberha over the past months, including the abduction of a 65-year-old market vendor and business executives and further noting indications that kidnappers may be shifting east toward Nelson Mandela Bay, with residents and business leaders warning that police responses have been inadequate and reactive:

(1) What immediate tactical measures has his Department implemented in Gqeberha and surrounding areas, such as the deployment of specialised Hawks or SAPS units, roadblocks or intelligence-led patrols, with a view to deterring and responding to these kidnappings;

Reply:

- The Hawks have a 24-hour running dedicated and skilled investigators Standby Team working in the NMB district that works in a multi-disciplinary approach hand in hand with the tactical Units, local detectives and other relevant law enforcement agencies in the District in responding to the spate of these kidnapping cases and additional task team to be deployed to beef up investigation capacity. whether his department accepts that the provincial response has fallen short; if not, how does his Department justify the current strategy; if so, (a) what specific remedial actions are being taken and (b) can he kindly provide the time-frame in this regard?

Reply:

The Provincial DPCI Eastern Cape Serious Organised Crime has not fallen short on the strategy