

1194. Mr Y Cassim to ask the MEC responsible for Community Safety:

With reference to the alleged escalating loss of young lives in the Northern Areas of Gqeberha:

- (1) How many reported cases were made relating to crimes committed by youth (ages 14 – 35) in the Northern Areas of Gqeberha over the last 12 months as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

Response :

- A total of 1 868 persons were charged for various crimes.
- Cases where the assailant was not arrested is not included due to limitations in the CAS/ICDMS system.

- (2) how many cases were opened against youth in the last 12 months as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

Response :

Charge	Total
Offences Under the Drugs and Drug Trafficking Act	444
Common Assault	259
Driving Offences in Terms Of the National Road Traffic Act	258
Malicious Damage to Property	175
Assault With The Purpose To Inflict Grievous Bodily Harm	142
Unlawful Possession Of Fire-Arm	73
Movement Of And Control Over Individuals	57
Drive While Under The Influence Of Liquor Or Drugs	53
Theft General	51
Domestic Violence	46
Shoplifting	44
Harassment	39
Attempted Murder	33
Burglary At Residential Premises	26
Murder	22
The Act Regulating Arms And Ammunition	20
Offences Against The Administration Of Justice	20
In Possession Of Presumed Stolen Property (Sec 36)	16
Rape	12
Theft From A Motor Vehicle (Parts And Accessories)	8
Common Robbery	7
Robbery With Firearm	6
House Robbery	5
Robbery With A Weapon Or Instrument Other Than A Firearm	5
Resisting. Obstructing Or Assaulting A Police Officer In Their Duties	4
Sexual Assault	3
In Possession Of Presumed Stolen Vehicle	3

Burglary At Business Premises	3
Crimen Injuria	3
Fraud	3
Offences In Terms Of The Dangerous Weapons Act	3
Second Hand Goods Act	2
Unlawful Intrusion Of Premises With Criminal Intent	2
Man-Stealing (Kidnapping)	2
Attempted Burglaries At Residential Premises	2
Using Road Vehicle Without Owners Consent (Sec 123(2))	2
Arson	2
Possession Of Housebreaking Instruments	1
Carjacking	1
Theft Out Of A Motor Vehicle (Also Goods From The Back Of Ldv)	1
Hijacking - Truck	1
Business Robbery	1
Attempt. Conspire. Entice To Commit Sexual Offence	1
Theft Of Motor Vehicle And Motor Cycle	1
Offences Against Plants. Animals. The Environment	1
Gambling (Gaming And Gaming Houses)	1
Attempted Theft	1
Medical. Dental And Supplementary Health Service Professions Act	1
Extortion (Blackmail)	1
Liquor Trade. Liquor Products And Sorghum Beer	1
Total	1868

- (3) how many youths were arrested in the Northern Areas of Gqeberha in last 12 months as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide all the relevant details in this regard;

Response :

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- (4) what is the breakdown of these crimes committed in the last 12 months as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

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- (5) what (a) youth crime prevention programmes and (b) school safety programmes has his Department currently implemented in the Northern Areas of Gqeberha and can he kindly provide a detailed breakdown of these programmes;

Response:

(a) and (b) The following awareness campaigns were held focussing on:

- Bullying
- Career Day
- Child Protection Week
- Drug abuse
- Gangsterism
- GBV awareness
- Moral ethics
- School safety
- Substance abuse

- (6) (a) whether he can kindly confirm in which communities in the Northern Areas of Gqeberha are these programmes currently active in and (b) how were these communities selected;

Response :

- (a) The entire Chatty, Gelvandale and Bethelsdorp policing areas with special attention given to Arcadia, Bloemendal, Ext 31-36, Timothy Valley, Jacksonville, Helenvale, Gelvandale, Schauderville and Malabar
- (b) They were selected due to crime levels.

- (7) what early intervention programmes has his Department currently put in place towards preventing (a) youth and (b) at-risk youth from being drawn into (i) gangs and (ii) criminal activity and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

Response:

- Established youth desks at Police Stations.
- Department of Social Development in-conjunction with established Victim Friendly Rooms.
- Anti-Gang Unit assist with awareness campaigns warning youth not to join gangs.
- Sports day events are held in terms of Sport against crime programme.

- (8) how many youths in the Northern Areas of Gqeberha have benefited from the programmes mentioned in (5) and (7) above in the last 12 months as at the latest specified date for which information is available and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

Response :

School	Programmes	Number of learners reached
Abraham Levy Primary School	1	170
Adolph Schauder Primary School	2	185
Alpha Primary School	1	562
Arcadia Primary School	1	700
Bertram Secondary School	1	700
Bethelsdorp Comprehensive School	3	2050
Bethvale Primary School	2	190
Chapman Secondary School	1	347
Chatty Secondary School	2	1450
David Livingstone Secondary School	2	746
De Vos Malan Primary School	1	459
Die Heuwel Primary School	1	125
Dietrich Primary School	1	356
Dr A W Habelgaarn Primary School	1	450
Erica House Special School	2	244
Fernwood Park Primary School	1	70
Fontein Full-Service School	2	662
Frank Joubert Primary School	1	569
Gelvan Park Primary School	2	526
Greenville Primary School	1	180
Kleinskool Community Primary School	1	90
Kroneberg Primary School	1	700
Livingstone Hospital Primary School	1	332
Machiu Primary School	1	900
Papenkuil Primary School	2	1585
Parkside Primary School	1	150

	Paterson High School	2	746	
	Republic Primary School	1	462	
	Sanctor High School	1	574	
	Soutpan Primary School	1	60	
	Strelitzia Primary School	1	1100	
	Triomf Primary School	2	240	
	Van Der Kemp Primary School	1	400	
	West End Primary School	2	2400	
	Westville Secondary School	1	1200	
	Woolhope Secondary School	1	69	
	Total	49	21749	

- (9) (a) how has / does his Department measure the success of the programmes mentioned in (5) and (7) above and (b) what impact have these programmes had in terms of reducing youth involvement in (aa) criminal activity and (bb) gang activity and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard;

Response :

a) SAPS utilise the National Crime Registrar to evaluate crime statistics. Safer school committee's feedback.

b) Reduction in crime committed by youths.

aa) A decline in the number of youths involved in crime.

A decline in the number of youths arrested in gang crime such as Murder/Attempted murder, Dealing/Possession of drugs and possession of unlicensed firearms.

- (10) whether he can kindly confirm how is his Department collaborating with the Departments of (a) Education, (b) Social Development and (c) Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) / Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) with a view to (i) developing and (ii) implementing (i) awareness campaigns, (ii) after-school safety programmes, (iii) mentoring programmes and (iv) anti-bullying / bullying prevention programmes and can he kindly provide the relevant details in this regard?

Response :

a) The South African Police Service and the Department of Basic Education implemented the Safe Schools Protocol during June 2025.

b) Social Development compensate Social Workers and volunteers at Victim friendly rooms at Police Stations.

c) Non-Governmental Organization such as Go Big Community Development and "March And Drill" programs instil discipline in learners, and SPCA highlight anti cruelty to animals during Guy Fawks.