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WRITTEN REPLY

No. 375/2025 Ms. R Gokool (DA) to ask the MEC for Community Safety and Liaison:

1. What oversight role does the Premier and the Department of Community Safety play in ensuring SA Police Services and the Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences unit investigate cases of statutory rape cases where girls have given birth, terminated pregnancy or are currently pregnant, to ensure cases are handed over to the NPA for prosecution.

REPLY

The Department of Community Safety & Liaison exercises civilian oversight over South African Police Service including the Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit. Civilian oversight enhances accountability, transparency and community trust to law enforcement agencies. However, the case management by Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit (monitoring investigation, handing over of cases to NPA for a decision to prosecute or not to prosecute) is the sole responsibility of South African Police Service.

2. How does the Premier and the Department monitor whether such cases are effectively handed over to the National Prosecuting Authority for prosecution; and;

REPLY

The case management by Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit (monitoring investigation, handing over of cases to NPA for a decision to prosecute or not to prosecute) is the sole responsibility of South African Police Service. The Honourable Premier and his Department of Community Safety and Liaison deals with complaints on police inefficiencies and failure to perform their duties. The Department makes recommendations to the District Commissioners and Provincial Commissioner for action.

3. What measures are being taken to strengthen accountability and prevent such cases from falling through the cracks of the justice system?

REPLY

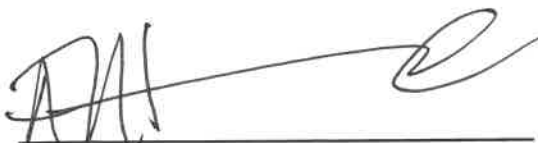
The Department conducts Court Watching Brief with the primary objective of promoting professional policing. This function assists in the identification of cases removed from the court roll due to policing inefficiencies and to ensure that those failures are reported, investigated and addressed by the relevant SAPS leadership .

The Department also performs the function of analysis of charge sheets of the cases removed from the court rolls, focus being on contact crimes which include cases that are sexual in nature and statutory rapes. The dockets are audited to ensure that they are finalized by means of a verdict.

The Department of Community Safety and Liaison presents Docket Audit and Court Watching Brief findings at the quarterly SAPS Provincial Management Forum, chaired by the Provincial Commissioner. This platform allows the Department to obtain responses from SAPS on cases that have been withdrawn or struck off the court roll.



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