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RESPONSE TO LEGISLATURE QUESTIONS NO 5.SD014

During the State of the Nation Address (SONA) in the afternoon of the 19 February 2026, President Cyril Ramaphosa indicated, that the Social Workers will be deployed to Police Stations. With that in mind:

(i) How many police stations are there in Gauteng

Response

Gauteng has one hundred and forty-five (145) police stations.

**(ii) of these how many have Social Workers, Social Auxiliary Workers
Care givers and Volunteers?**

Response

One hundred and thirty (130) police stations have Social Workers, Social Auxiliary Workers, and Victim Supporters funded by the Gauteng Department of Social Development (GDSD). One (1) Social Worker rotates between four (4) police stations.

(iii) in total how many Social Workers are working in Gauteng police stations?

Response

The total number of Social Workers working at one hundred and thirty (130) Gauteng police stations is forty-five (45).

(iv) in total how many Social Auxiliary Workers are working in Gauteng Police stations?

Response

The total number of Social Auxiliary Workers working at one hundred and thirty (130) Gauteng police stations is one hundred and thirty (130).

(v) in total how many Caregivers or Volunteers are working in Gauteng police stations?

Response

The total number of Victim Supporters/Caregivers/Volunteers working at one hundred and thirty (130) Gauteng police stations is five hundred and twenty-four (524).

(vi) what is the rationale of having volunteers working after hours (night shifts) versus Social Workers and Social Auxiliary Workers

Response

Each Victim Friendly Room is allocated four (4) Victim Supporters, one (1) Social Auxiliary Worker, and one (1) Social Worker, with the Social Worker rotating among four (4) Victim Friendly Rooms. Due to this allocation, the four (4) Victim Supporters are able to work rotational day and night shifts. This is not feasible for one (1) Social Auxiliary Worker and one (1) Social Worker to provide 24-hour coverage.

(vii) in total how many Care givers are working in Gauteng police stations

Response

Five hundred and twenty-four (524) Victim Supporters are funded and working at one hundred and thirty (130) police stations.

(viii) How many stations have no Social Workers

Response

Fifteen (15) Gauteng police stations do not have Social Workers funded by the Department of Social Development.

(ix) what are the reasons for not having Social Workers at these stations; and

Response

The absence of Social Workers at the fifteen (15) police stations is due to staff shortages.

(x) in the absence of Social Workers how do those stations access social services?

Response

In the absence of social workers, the South African Police Service (SAPS) has a responsibility to ensure access to social services. Some police stations have contracted non-profit organisations (NPOs) to provide social work services, while others rely on the Department of Community Safety, which has appointed Floor Managers to attend to cases and facilitate referrals to nearby social work offices.

The Department remains committed to reaching all communities and progressively improving accessibility to social services at police stations.

Regards,



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