

839. Hon. R Jankielsohn (DA) asks the Hon. MEC responsible for CSRT: Mr. J Mbalula.

In view of SAPS's responsibility to assist with the foot and mouth outbreak in the Free State:

1. Have SAPS members received the necessary briefings and training regarding (a) the identification of infected animals and (b) the reporting of infected livestock to the state veterinary services? If not, why not?
2. In areas in the Free State where outbreaks have been reported, has SAPS been involved in controlling and monitoring the movement of livestock? If not, why not? If so, what has been done in each respective area?
3. Have any individuals moving livestock in affected areas been fined and/or charged for failure to have the necessary permits? If so, what are the relevant details and case numbers?

RESPONSE 25/02/2026

1(a) No, SAPS members have been formally trained by the Department of Agriculture.

1(b) A Technical WhatsApp Group has been established with all affected role players. This platform is utilised to share updates and critical information in relation to of the decease and possible infringements of legislation. The platform can also be utilised to inform the State Veterinarians about possible infected live-stock.

2. The SAPS has issued Prov. Joints Instruction 2 /2026 in which the District Commissioners of Fezile Dabi and Thabo Mofutsanyane were instructed to assist with patrols and VCP's on the routes in effected areas.

3. No individual have been fined and/or charged for the unlawful movement of infected animals.