



GAUTENG PROVINCE

COMMUNITY SAFETY
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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Dear Madam Speaker,

**RESPONSE TO QUESTION 5.PS035 TABLED BY MEMBER I CILLIERS
OF THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE, DUE ON 29 JUNE 2026**

5. PS035. WITH REGARD TO GANGSTERISM, COULD THE MEC PLEASE:

- i. How many cases linked to gangsterism have been reported in Gauteng from 2022 to date;

Reply:

PERIOD	NUMBER OF CASES LINKED TO GANGSTERISM
2022/2023	302
2023/2024	334
2024/2025	183
2025/2026	160

- ii. Which areas or communities in Gauteng have been identified as gang hotspots;

Reply:

The following areas are identified hotspots:

- **Sophiatown (Westbury)**
- **Eldorado Park**

- Langlaagte (Riverlea)
- Reiger Park
- Booyens (Chrisville and Bella Vista)
- Moffatview (South Hills)
- Mohlakeng (Toekomsrus)

iii. What types of crimes are most commonly associated with gang activity in Gauteng;

Reply:

The following crimes are most commonly associated with gang activities:

- Murder
- Attempted Murder
- Drug-Related Offences
- Possession of Unlicensed Firearm and Ammunition
- Illegal Possession of Firearm
- Illegal Possession of Ammunition

iv. How many arrests related to gangsterism have been made in Gauteng from 2022 to date?

Reply:

PERIOD	NUMBER OF ARRESTS RELATED TO GANGSTERISM
2022/2023	86
2023/2024	135
2024/2025	219
2025/2026	201

- v. How many illegal firearms linked to gangs have been confiscated during this period;

Reply:

PERIOD	NUMBER OF ILLEGAL FIREARMS LINKED TO GANGS
2022/2023	14
2023/2024	30
2024/2025	68
2025/2026	77

- vi. What specialised anti-gang units or operations are currently active in Gauteng; and

Reply:

The Provincial Anti-Gang Unit consisting of Visible Policing and Detectives conducts weekly tracing operations. Operation Karabo has been implemented to address gangsterism in the province.

- vii. Has the department identified any links between gangsterism and drug trafficking in Gauteng communities?

Repl:

Yes, there is a link between gangsterism and drug trafficking in communities. Gangs often rely on drug sales as a primary source of income, leading to violent and fatal confrontations over territory where they can sell these drugs.

Regards,



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