



GAUTENG PROVINCE

COMMUNITY SAFETY
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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Dear Madam Speaker,

**RESPONSE TO ORAL QUESTION 4.PS020 TABLED MEMBER O
MADZEBATELA OF THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (DA) FOR ORAL
REPLY SCHEDULED FOR 22 SEPTEMBER 2026.**

**4. PS020. With regard to Vusimuzi, ward 90, Tembisa, Ekurhuleni -
Residents have complained that daily bodies are found in the
Vusimuzi informal settlements and reports of frequent killings in the
area. With that in mind:**

- i. How many bodies have been reported or found in the Vusimuzi informal settlements since April 2025;

Reply:

Eighteen (18) bodies were found in the Vusimuzi informal settlement since April 2025.

- ii. How many of these cases have resulted in cases being open for investigation;

Reply:

Eighteen (18) cases of murder have been opened for investigation.

iii. What was the recorded or preliminary cause of death in these cases;

Reply:

The recorded or preliminary causes of death were as follows: four victims died from burn injuries, five were fatally assaulted, two were fatally stabbed, and seven sustained fatal gunshot wounds.

iv. How many of these investigations resulted in arrests; and

Reply:

Three (3).

v. What action is the Department taking to prevent further killings and violent deaths in Vusimuzi?

Reply:

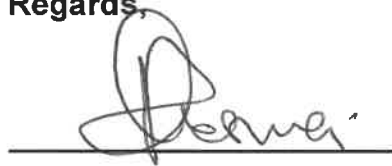
Tembisa South SAPS and relevant stakeholders is implementing ongoing crime-prevention and law-enforcement interventions in Vusimuzi, which forms part of Sector 2. These interventions include:

- **Daily visible policing and patrols during the day and night, particularly in crime hotspots identified by the Crime Information Management and Analysis Centre (CIMAC);**
- **Stop-and-search operations and the tracing and profiling of known suspects;**
- **Intelligence-driven operations targeting violent crime and the proliferation of unlicensed firearms;**
- **The continued implementation of Operation Shanela;**
- **Joint multidisciplinary operations with the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Police Department, Department of Home Affairs, Gauteng Liquor Board and other stakeholders; and**
- **Enforcement action against non-compliant liquor outlets. During the reporting period, 20 unlicensed shebeens and one non-compliant tavern were closed.**

Crime in the area is adversely affected by the high concentration of liquor outlets, inadequate street and Apollo lighting, poor road infrastructure, restricted vehicle access, and absent or duplicated house numbers. Approximately 90% of crimes reported in Vusimuzi are liquor-related and predominantly involve assault and domestic violence.

Tembisa South SAPS will continue conducting intelligence-led and high-visibility operations to prevent further killings, improve police visibility and address the identified crime-generating factors. Infrastructure-related challenges will be escalated to the City of Ekurhuleni for intervention.

Regards,



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Premier of the Gauteng Provincial Government

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