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Oral Reply

8. Mr F C Christians to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

With reference to the recent shooting and killing of a witness in the Wynberg Court:

- (1) Whether the safety of witnesses is assured when appearing in court; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what steps are taken to prevent a recurrence of the shooting incident?

THE MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY WAS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:

The reply of the South African Police Service (SAPS):

1. In relation to the safety of witnesses when appearing in court, the question was posed to SAPS for response, however the department is still awaiting the response.

The Member is advised to also approach the Department of Justice for issues related to safety at court buildings. The Department of Justice is the custodian of safety at courts. POCS has no oversight mandate over the Department of Justice.