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**RE: PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE: SECOND SESSION,
SEVENTH PARLIAMENT: QUESTION PAPER NO. 19 – 2025: FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER
2025: WRITTEN REPLY: QUESTION 4**

Your correspondence dated 17 October 2025, under reference 36/1/4/1 (20250103), refers.

Herewith attached, the requested feedback.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "TE PATEKILE", written over a circular stamp.

**LIEUTENANT GENERAL
PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER: WESTERN CAPE
TE PATEKILE (ADV)**

Date: 2025.10.30.

Parliament of the Province of the Western Cape
Second Session, Seventh Parliament
Question Paper No. 19 – 2025
Friday, 17 October 2025
Written Reply

4. Ms B M van Minnen to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:

(a) Which specialised policing units are currently deployed in the province, (b) what is the (i) granted establishment and (ii) actual establishment of each of these units, (c) what specific mandate or focus area has been allocated to each unit, (d)(i) what training initiatives or courses were attended by members of these units in the 2024/25 financial year and (ii) how many officers participated in such training opportunities, (e)(i) what operational successes or notable results were achieved by each unit in the past 12 months and (ii) what challenges were reported in the same period and (f) which interventions have been implemented or are planned to strengthen the operational effectiveness of each unit?

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

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

4. (a) The specialised units deployed in the province include:
- i. Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit (FCS)
 - ii. K9 Units
 - iii. Anti-Gang Unit
 - iv. Public Order Policing (POP)Units
 - v. Tactical Response Teams
 - vi. Mounted Unit

Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit (FCS)				
Beaufort West	Claremont	Kraaifontein	Oudtshoorn	Wynberg
Bellville	Da Gamaskop	Kuilsrivier	Paarl	
Bishop Lavis	Delft	Milnerton	Stellenbosch	
Caledon	George	Mitchell's Plain	Vredenburg	
Cape Town	Hermanus	Muizenberg	Vredendal	
Ceres	Khayelitsha	Nyanga	Worcester	
Serial and Electronic Crimes Investigations (SECI), at province				

K9 Units			
Beaufort West	Hermanus	Mossel bay	Saldanha
Cape town	Klawer	Oudtshoorn	Worcester
George	Knysna	Paarl	

Public Order Policing (POP) capacity is provided through units situated in Cape Town, Caledon, George, Paarl, and Vredenburg; however, these units remain a national competency. Furthermore, the POP reserve has amalgamated with Cape Town POP.

There are two Tactical Response Teams, Cape Town and Khayelitsha TRTs. They function as a collective to enhance service delivery and operational effectiveness. In addition, one dedicated Anti-Gang Unit and one Mounted Unit are operational within the province.

(b)(i)&(ii)

FAMILY VIOLENCE, CHILD PROTECTION & SEXUAL UNIT (FCS)	Fixed Establishment		Actuals
	Total	355	282
	Pol Act	305	253
	PSA	50	39
Beaufort West	Total	6	8
	Pol Act	5	7
	PSA	1	1
Bellville	Total	10	10
	Pol Act	9	8
	PSA	1	2
Bishop Lavis	Total	14	11
	Pol Act	12	9
	PSA	2	2
Caledon	Total	7	9
	Pol Act	6	8
	PSA	1	1
Cape Town Central	Total	10	9
	Pol Act	8	7
	PSA	2	2
Ceres	Total	10	11

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	Total	355	282
	Pol Act	305	253
	PSA	50	39
	Pol Act	7	9
	PSA	3	2
Claremont	Total	4	4
	Pol Act	3	3
	PSA	1	1
Da Gamaskop	Total	14	12
	Pol Act	12	9
	PSA	2	3
Delft	Total	21	17
	Pol Act	19	14
	PSA	2	3
George	Total	22	16
	Pol Act	19	13
	PSA	3	3
Hermanus	Total	6	7
	Pol Act	5	6
	PSA	1	1
Khayelitsha	Total	28	24
	Pol Act	24	24
	PSA	4	0
Kraaifontein	Total	12	13
	Pol Act	11	12
	PSA	1	1
Kuilsrivier	Total	20	9
	Pol Act	17	8
	PSA	3	1
Milnerton	Total	12	2
	Pol Act	11	2
	PSA	1	0
Mitchell's Plain	Total	23	11
	Pol Act	21	10
	PSA	2	1
Muizenberg	Total	7	6
	Pol Act	6	5
	PSA	1	1
Nyanga	Total	36	24
	Pol Act	31	21
	PSA	5	3
Oudtshoorn	Total	14	10
	Pol Act	12	8
	PSA	2	2
Paarl	Total	19	19
	Pol Act	15	18
	PSA	4	1
Stellenbosch	Total	7	10

FAMILY VIOLENCE, CHILD PROTECTION & SEXUAL UNIT (FCS)	Fixed Establishment		Actuals
	Total	355	282
	Pol Act	305	253
	PSA	50	39
	Pol Act	6	9
	PSA	1	1
Vredenburg	Total	11	9
	Pol Act	9	8
	PSA	2	1
Vredendal	Total	11	10
	Pol Act	9	9
	PSA	2	1
Worcester	Total	22	24
	Pol Act	20	21
	PSA	2	3
Wynberg	Total	9	7
	Pol Act	8	5
	PSA	1	2
SECI	Total	16	5
	Pol Act	15	5
	PSA	1	0

K9 UNITS	Fixed Establishment		Actuals
	Total	256	167
	Pol Act	213	133
	PSA	43	34
Beaufort West	Total	12	13
	Pol Act	10	11
	PSA	2	2
Cape Town	Total	83	48
	Pol Act	76	40
	PSA	7	8
George	Total	18	17
	Pol Act	14	14
	PSA	4	3
Hermanus	Total	16	11
	Pol Act	13	9
	PSA	3	2
Klawer	Total	11	10
	Pol Act	9	7
	PSA	2	3
Knysna	Total	12	12
	Pol Act	10	9
	PSA	2	3
Mossel Bay	Total	13	9
	Pol Act	11	9
	PSA	2	0
	Total	19	15

K9 UNITS		Fixed	Actuals
		Establishment	
	Total	256	167
	Pol Act	213	133
	PSA	43	34
Oudtshoorn	Pol Act	15	12
	PSA	4	3
Paarl	Total	25	28
	Pol Act	21	23
	PSA	4	5
Saldanha	Total	18	17
	Pol Act	13	13
	PSA	5	4
Worcester	Total	29	22
	Pol Act	21	18
	PSA	8	4

MOUNTED UNIT		Fixed	Actuals
		Establishment	
	Total	26	25
	Pol Act	19	20
	PSA	7	5

ANTI-GANG UNIT		Fixed	Actuals
		Establishment	
	Total	156	212
	Pol Act	141	207
	PSA	15	5

TACTICAL RESPONSE TEAM		Fixed	Actuals
		Establishment	
	Total	97	62
	Pol Act	92	60
	PSA	5	2
Cape Town	Total	46	32
	Pol Act	44	31
	PSA	2	1
Khyelitsha	Total	51	30
	Pol Act	48	29
	PSA	3	1

(c) Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit (FCS)

The Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) Unit is a specialised investigative capacity mandated to address serious crimes against vulnerable groups, including sexual offences, child abuse, child trafficking, family violence and related matters.

Its primary objectives are to protect women and children, ensure thorough investigations that lead to successful prosecutions, and to provide victim-centred services that minimise secondary trauma.

K9 Units

The South African Police Service K9 Unit is a specialised operational resource mandated to provide support in the detection and combating of crime through the deployment of trained dogs and handlers.

Its objectives include enhancing visible policing, strengthening investigative capacity, and improving crime detection across priority areas such as narcotics, explosives, firearms, tracking of suspects, search and rescue, and the detection of contraband.

By utilising specialised canine capabilities in conjunction with skilled handlers, the K9 Unit provides a force multiplier that significantly improves operational effectiveness.

Anti-Gang Unit

The South African Police Service Anti-Gang Unit (AGU) is a specialised capacity established to combat the proliferation of gangs and gang-related crimes that undermine community safety and the authority of the state. Its mandate is to investigate, disrupt, and dismantle organised criminal groups involved in violent crime, drug trafficking, and illegal firearms.

The objectives of the AGU are to strengthen intelligence-led operations, enhance prosecutorial outcomes against gang leadership structures, and restore community confidence in policing through targeted, visible enforcement.

Public Order Policing

The Public Order Policing (POP) Unit of the South African Police Service is a specialised operational capacity mandated to maintain public order, manage crowds, and respond to incidents of unrest, protests, strikes, and large public gatherings in accordance with the Constitution and the Regulation of Gatherings Act.

Its objectives are to prevent and manage public disorder, ensure the protection of lives and property, and uphold the rights of individuals while balancing the need for law and order.

Tactical Response Teams

The Tactical Response Team of the South African Police Service is a specialised unit mandated to provide rapid, high-risk response in situations requiring advanced tactical capability.

Its objectives include responding to armed confrontations, assisting with the arrest of dangerous suspects, supporting other units during stabilisation and high-visibility operations, and restoring order in volatile environments.

Public Order Policing Reserve (POP Reserve)

The Public Order Policing Reserve formed part of the broader Public Order Policing capacity and was mandated to provide additional operational support during incidents of unrest, major events, or situations requiring rapid reinforcement.

Their objectives were to bolster the availability of trained personnel, enhance flexibility in deployments, and ensure sufficient capacity to manage simultaneous or large-scale public order incidents.

Mounted Unit

The Mounted Unit of the South African Police Service is a specialised capacity mandated to enhance visible policing, crowd management, rural and environmental crime prevention, and search-and-rescue operations through the deployment of trained horses and riders.

Its objectives include strengthening high-visibility patrols in urban, rural, and border areas; supporting Public Order Policing during protests and major events; and contributing to community engagement initiatives by improving police accessibility and visibility.

(d) (i)

Family Violence, Child Protection & Sexual Unit (FCS)		
Victim Empowerment	Resolving of Crime (ROC)	Introduction to Electronic Crimes
Domestic Violence	Basis Crime Investigation Practice	Cyber Psychology
Phycological Motivated Crimes		

Mounted Units		
Automated Vehicle Location Course	Stable Official	Junior Management Learning Programme (JMLP)

K9 Units		
Automated Vehicle Location Course	Shortened Patrol Dog Handlers Course	Kennel Official Course
Junior Management Learning Programme (JMLP)	Identification of Explosives Course	Self Defence Course
Dust Print Plaster Cast Course		

Public Order Policing		
Electoral Act Workshop	Weapon Handling	Crowd Management
K53 driving training	First Aid level 3	Maintenance Shooting
Professional Conduct		

Tactical Response Teams		
Junior Management Learning Programme (JMLP)	Urban Refresher Course	Operational Standards

Anti-Gang Unit		
Junior Management Learning Programme (JMLP)	Prevention and Combatting of Gangsterism Learning Programme	Introduction To Gangsterism
Basic Detective Course	Resolving of Crime (ROC)	Detective Commanders Course
Crime Intelligence for Gangsterism		

(ii) Attendance of the courses was determined by operational priorities and the availability of members, and therefore the number of attendees per specialised section varied accordingly.

(e) (i)

Family Violence, Child Protection & Sexual Unit (FCS)

Arrests

- Rape - 2755
- Attempted Rape - 259
- Sexual Assault - 892
- Statutory Rape - 71

Convictions

- Life Imprisonment - 62 Life Sentences in 44 cases
- 20 Years + Imprisonment - 64 cases
- 10 to 19 Years Imprisonment – 80 cases
- 1 to 9 Years Imprisonment – 331 cases

K9 Units

- Stolen Vehicles recovered - 318
- Stolen / Illegal firearms recovered - 83
- Value of Abalone recovered - R 74 645
- Value of Drugs recovered - R 24 944 950
- Stolen Goods recovered - R 101 682 121

In addition, several arrests were made in connection with kidnapping, rape, and murder cases. Furthermore, the K9 unit participated in multiple search and rescue operations, achieving successful outcomes.

Mounted Unit

- Arrests - 190
- Drug specific arrests - 279
- Confiscation of dangerous weapons - 15
- People searched - 8 403

Anti-Gang Unit

- 315 firearms seized during the 2024/2025 financial year. These include an Uzzi semi-assault firearm and AK-47 assault rifle.
- 2 persons arrested with 28 firearms, large quantity of ammunition, explosives and a large quantity of drugs.

In certain circumstances, specific details cannot be disclosed, as doing so could expose operational vulnerabilities and place unnecessary risks on the safety of deployed personnel.

(ii)

The shortage of both human and physical resources within the South African Police Service (SAPS) continues to present a significant challenge to effective service delivery. Limited personnel capacity and budget constraints in critical equipment place additional pressure on members who are already operating under demanding conditions.

To address these challenges, ongoing recruitment and training initiatives are being implemented to strengthen the workforce, while efforts are also underway to improve resource allocation, enhance logistical support, and leverage partnerships with other stakeholders.

These measures aim to ensure that, despite current constraints, operational effectiveness and community safety remain priorities.

- (f) The South African Police Service has implemented a range of measures to enhance the operational effectiveness and efficiency of its specialised units, including FCS, K9, Anti-Gang, Public Order Policing, Tactical Response Teams, and Mounted Units.

These measures include continuous specialised training, regular operational reviews, and prioritised allocation of resources such as vehicles, equipment, and personnel.

Units are equipped with specialised tools and technology, and operate in close collaboration with Crime Intelligence, the National Prosecuting Authority, social services, and community structures to ensure a multi-disciplinary approach.

Performance management and accountability mechanisms are also in place to address gaps and maintain high standards. Collectively, these interventions strengthen response capability, improve service delivery, and ensure that specialised units operate efficiently and effectively across all policing mandates.



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