

# PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

## WRITTEN REPLY

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### 19. Prof N Mbombo to ask Mr I M Sileku, Minister of Mobility:

(a) What is his Department's Easter road safety preparedness plan for this year's Easter period to reduce road fatalities and crashes in the province, (b) how many (i) roadblocks, (ii) vehicle checkpoints and (iii) traffic officers will be deployed, (c) what high-risk routes have been identified from the previous Easter period, (d) (i) what was the total cost of his Department's Easter road safety programme last year and (ii) what is the projected cost for the current financial year and (e) what was the total number of (i) road fatalities, (ii) crashes and (iii) arrests recorded in the Easter period for the last two financial years?

#### Response:

##### (a) Easter Road Safety Preparedness Plan

The Department's Easter road safety preparedness plan is designed to reduce road fatalities and crashes through intensified enforcement and public awareness initiatives. Key elements include:

- High-visibility policing across major routes and urban areas.
- Integrated operations with SAPS, municipal traffic services, and emergency medical services.
- Targeted enforcement of drunk driving, speeding, reckless driving, and vehicle roadworthiness.
- Deployment at high-risk routes identified from historical crash data.
- 24-hour operational readiness through traffic centres and emergency services.
- Public awareness campaigns prior to and during the Easter period.

##### (b) Operational Deployment

During the **2025 Easter period**, the following operations were conducted:

Operational Activity	Figures
Roadblocks	9 x roadblocks (inter provincial and Fatigue) 28 x speed operations (ASOD and manual)
Vehicle checkpoints	62 x VCP (drunk driving, seatbelt, vehicle fitness, public transport, weighbridge operations)
Total integrated operations	247
Vehicles stopped and checked	17196
Traffic officers deployed	467
Arrests effected	210

During the **2026 Easter period**, the following operations are planned and staffing compliment:

- **Projected** number of Roadblocks 15
- **Projected** number of checkpoints 114
- **Projected** number of Traffic officers deployed 587

***The Department will deploy comparable numbers to the 2025 Easter period, with final operational numbers confirmed closer to the period.***

### **(c) High-Risk Routes**

High-risk routes are identified based on historical crash data and traffic volume. The following routes have consistently been prioritized for enforcement during Easter:

- **N1 (Cape Town to inland provinces)**
- **N2 (Garden Route and Eastern Cape direction)**
- **N7 (West Coast corridor)**
- **R27 (West Coast Road)**

#### **2024**

N2, Khayelitsha (2 fatalities, 2 crashes)  
N1, Laingsburg (1 fatality)  
Bellville (1 fatality)  
De Doorns (1 fatality)  
Southern Paarl (3 fatalities, 1 crash)

#### **2025**

N2, Nyanga (2 fatalities, 2 crashes)  
N7, Nuwerus (2 fatalities, 2 crashes)

**Additional high-risk areas include peri-urban zones and areas with high pedestrian activity.**

### **(d) Financial Information**

Total cost of the Department's Easter Road Safety Programme for the previous financial year: R2 500 000, with overtime not exceeding 30% of total remuneration.

The projected cost for the current financial year is: R3 200 000, broken down as follows:

#### **Overtime:**

250 officials per shift × 2 shifts × 20 hours OT per official = R1 500 000

#### **Fuel Costs:**

300 vehicles × 250 km per shift × 2 shifts × R3.80 per km = R570 000

#### **Vehicle Utilisation:**

300 vehicles × R535 per day × 7 days = R1 123 500

**(e) Road Safety Statistics for the Easter**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Fatalities</b>	<b>Fatal Crashes</b>	<b>Arrests</b>
2023/24 (Easter 2024)	26	24	94
2024/25 (Easter 2025)	22	22	210

**National Data for Context** (entire country)

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Fatalities</b>	<b>Fatal Crashes</b>	<b>Arrests</b>
2023/24 (Easter 2024)	335	236	1042
2024/25 (Easter 2025)	167	141	1050

**Conclusion**

The Department's Easter Road Safety Plan continues to reduce fatalities and crashes through visible, integrated law enforcement and public awareness measures. While improvements have been observed, continued enforcement, education, and multi-agency collaboration remain essential to further enhance road safety outcomes

**MINISTER OF MOBILITY**

**DATE:**