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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**8. Mr G Bosman to ask Mr R I Allen, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

1. (a) How many (i) provincial and (ii) municipal law enforcement officers were deployed in response to the Western Cape taxi strike organised by Santaco and (b) what (i) was the cost of this deployment and (ii) are the details of this amount;
2. whether any law enforcement officers have been injured while performing their duties during the response; if so, what are the relevant details of each case?

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

**The reply of the Western Cape Department of Mobility and Cape Town Metropolitan Police Department (CTMPD):**

**8.** (1) (a) (i) The total number of Provincial Traffic Officers deployed across the province over this period as listed was the daily amount over a 24-hour cycle. We continued with the agreed deployment after the public transport industry returned to service as decided in the SAPS Joints meeting to deal with the increase in service delivery protest action.

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| **03/08** | **04/08** | **05/08** | **06/08** | **07/08** | **08/08** | **09/08** | **10/08** | **11/08** | **12/08** |
| 351 | 401 | 395 | 401 | 403 | 406 | 359 | 405 | 413 | 373 |
| **13/08** | **14/08** | **15/08** | **16/08** | **17/08** | **18/08** | **19/08** | **20/08** | **21/08** | **22/08** |
| 376 | 404 | 475 | 488 | 473 | 427 | 361 | 363 | 477 | 485 |
| **23/08** | **24/08** | **25/08** | **26/08** | **27/08** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 478 | 408 | 483 | 442 | 444 |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Date** | **Grand Total** |
| 03 August 2023 | **592** |
| 04 August 2023 | **434** |
| 07 August 2023 | **439** |
| 08 August 2023 | **417** |
| 09 August 2023 | **356** |
| 10 August 2023 | **413** |
| 11 August 2023 | **473** |
| **Total** | **3124** |

(b) (i) & (ii) For the Department of Mobility, no additional cost in terms of overtime was incurred during this period, due to the 24/7 service we delivered across the province. The resource allocation per shift was sufficient to address the deployment needed in conjunction with the South African Police Services.

(b) (i) For the CTMPD, the total costing amounted to R452 632.73.

(ii) Refer to the attached spreadsheet of the CTMPD (see annexure B).

(2) The Department of Mobility recorded two injuries on duty that occurred on 03 August 2023, when a traffic officer was assaulted with a spade and sustained injuries to his back and his patrol vehicle was badly damaged, and the other when the officers’ patrol vehicle was petrol bombed while she was responding to assist with the road closure by the taxis on the N2 when the incidents started, and she damaged her knee while exiting the vehicle.

The following staff member of the CTMPD were injured on duty during the taxi strike:

* + - Fatal shooting incident (Deceased ).
    - Fatal shooting incident.
    - Hit by stones.
    - Collided with another vehicle while escorting Fire services.
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    - Collided with another vehicle escorting fire services.
    - Responded to a shooting and 3rd party vehicle bumped into them.
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Refer to the attached spreadsheet of the CTMPD (see annexure C).