

Written Reply**10. Mr B N Herron to ask Ms A J D Marais, Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety:**

With reference to the reply to question 3 of 4 December 2020:

- 1) What is the current vacancy rate among LEAP officers;
- 2) whether there is a discrepancy between appointed officers and currently active officers; if so, (a) what is the discrepancy and (b) why is there a discrepancy;
- 3) whether there are plans to expand LEAP deployment beyond the identified hotspots; if not, why not; if so, (a) which areas are being considered and (b) why;
- 4) whether the area-based crime prevention reaction teams have been finalised; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

THE MINISTER OF POLICE OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY TO REPLY:

10. 1) LEAP operational staffing consists of permanent CoCT law enforcement officers commanding contracted Learner Law Enforcement Officers (LLEO's) as follows:

Table 1: LEAP fully operationally ready staffing level

AREAS	SENIORS	INSPECTORS	LLEOS	TOTAL
OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENTS				
Nyanga	2	8	117	127
Gugulethu	2	7	118	127
Khayelitsha	1	8	119	128
Mitchells Plain	2	8	123	133
Philippi East	3	14	180	197
Delft	3	7	120	130
<u>Reaction Unit:</u>				
Hanover Park	1	5	41	47
Elsies River	1	4	40	45
Manenberg	1	4	40	45
TOTALS	16	65	898	979
LEAP SUPPORT SERVICES				
Armouries	0	10	48	58
Firearm Desk	1	0	5	6
METRO 101 Home Inspections	0	0	8	8
Training Coordinators	0	1	5	6
EPIC Workforce Planners	0	5	0	5
Control Room	0	4	22	26
CCTV	0	0	8	8
Statistics	0	1	2	3
Fleet Coordinators	0	1	2	3
Field Coordinators	1	2	0	3
TOTAL	2	24	100	126
GRAND TOTAL	18	89	998	1105

Against a set target of 1 000 LLEO's as "boots on the ground", there is a shortfall of 2 operationally ready LLEO's which equates to a vacancy rate of 0.2%.

2)(a) In addition to the 998 operationally utilised LLEO's, a further 114 appointed LLEO's cannot be deployed operationally due to pending administrative processes for appointment as peace officers, firearms training, competency standards not met during assessments and physical situations including pregnancy. The total appointed LLEO's for LEAP is therefore 1 112. The administrative processing and upskilling where necessary to becoming fully operationally competent is ongoing. The minimum standards set to be deployed operationally is stringently adhered to. Of the 114 not yet operationally ready LLEO's, 90 officials are posted at LEAP bases performing administrative functions and undergoing remedial training, 10 officials are posted statically within CBD's and 14 provide security related services at LE facilities. As the officials fulfil all criteria to be operationally ready, they are redeployed into the priority areas.

(b) Presently, the not yet operationally deployable officials constitute 10.25% of the total 1 112 appointed LLEO's for LEAP. This is a fluctuating discrepancy due the undeployable staff numbers constantly changing.

3)(a) The revised SAPS gang approach implementation focusses on the following SAPS stations:

- i) Mitchells Plain*
- ii) Bishop Lavis
- iii) Manenberg
- iv) Grassy Park
- v) Ravensmead
- vi) Elsiesriver
- vii) Steenberg
- viii) Delft*
- ix) Philippi
- x) Kleinvlei
- xi) Atlantis

*Denotes existing LEAP priority stations.

(b) To support a revised SAPS Gang Approach, WC Safety Cabinet has approved LEAP, as a force multiplier, to support SAPS in the SAPS determined gang priority areas. The approval issued will be reviewed 3 months after implementation which commenced in July 2025.

- 4) The LEAP Roving Reaction Unit is part of the operational deployments and is fully functional, staffed with 121 LLEO's presently deployed within Manenberg, Elsies River and Hanover Park (as illustrated within Table 1 above) to quell heightened gang violence in the areas. The LLEO contingent is supervised by 16 permanent law enforcement officers.
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