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Department of Police Oversight and Community Safety
WESTERN CAPE

**RE: PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE: SECOND SESSION,
SEVENTH PARLIAMENT: QUESTION PAPER NO. 22 – 2025: FRIDAY, 28 NOVEMBER
2025: WRITTEN REPLY: QUESTION 18**

Your correspondence dated 28 November 2025, under reference 36/1/4/1 (20250138), refers.

Herewith attached, the requested feedback.


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

Date: 2025-12-08

Parliament of the Province of the Western Cape
 Second Session, Seventh Parliament
 Question Paper No. 22 – 2025
 Friday, 28 November 2025
Written Reply

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

With regard to roadblocks by the SAPS in the province:

- (1) (a) How many roadblocks were conducted by the SAPS in each policing district in the (i) 2024/25 and (ii) 2025/26 financial years and (b) what was the frequency per month;
- (2) (a) how many joint roadblocks were conducted with other law enforcement agencies in each district, (b)(i) how many arrests resulted from SAPS roadblocks in the past three financial years, (ii) what categories of offences were recorded and (iii) what were the outcomes of these arrests, (c)(i) how many roadblock blood samples submitted by the SAPS are currently outstanding and (ii) what is the age of the oldest outstanding sample, (d) how many cases in the past three years experienced delays due to late toxicology and (f)(i) what categories of offences were affected and (ii) how many cases were withdrawn as a result?

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

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

15. (1) (a) (i) The response to the question is summarised in Table 1 for ease of reference:

MONTHS	WESTERN CAPE: DISTRICTS						TOTAL
	CAPE WINELANDS	CENTRAL KAROO	CITY OF CAPE TOWN	GARDEN ROUTE	OVERBERG	WEST COAST	
APRIL 2024	14	16	136	31	22	6	225
MAY 2024	16	21	108	41	12	8	206
JUNE 2024	8	62	149	45	12	9	285
JULY 2024	9	12	107	67	15	5	215
AUGUST 2024	16	22	131	47	25	6	247
SEPTEMBER 2024	19	18	74	36	10	8	165
OCTOBER 2024	16	23	77	54	30	24	224
NOVEMBER 2024	0	82	86	77	56	37	338
DECEMBER 2024	35	53	101	81	56	10	336
JANUARY 2025	27	42	48	81	66	7	271

Table 1

WESTERN CAPE: DISTRICTS

MONTHS	CAPE WINELANDS	CENTRAL KAROO	CITY OF CAPE TOWN	GARDEN ROUTE	OVERBERG	WEST COAST	TOTAL
FEBRUARY 2025	23	39	57	70	41	3	233
MARCH 2025	25	49	75	71	31	16	267
APRIL 2025	26	51	52	83	29	30	271
MAY 2025	16	23	56	55	25	26	201
JUNE 2025	17	34	39	73	23	18	204
JULY 2025	16	28	48	45	19	13	169
AUGUST 2025	19	38	146	60	15	32	310
SEPTEMBER 2025	16	21	59	50	18	14	178
OCTOBER 2025	19	27	87	42	17	22	214
NOVEMBER 2025	26	59	90	66	15	20	276
DECEMBER 2025	0	0	0	3	17	0	20
GRAND TOTAL	363	720	1726	1178	554	314	4855

(ii) The response to the question is summarised in Table 1 for ease of reference.

(b) The response to the question is summarised in Table 1 for ease of reference.

(2) (a) All roadblocks are carried out in collaboration with designated external role players to ensure comprehensive operational support and oversight.

(b)(i) The South African Police Service does not maintain a separate system functionality or reporting category that records arrests resulting specifically from roadblocks. Arrest data captured on SAPS systems is not disaggregated in a manner that allows for the identification of arrests linked to this specific operational activity. Accordingly, the requested information for the past three financial years is not available.

(ii) Because arrests resulting from roadblocks are not recorded as a distinct category, the SAPS is unable to identify or report on the categories of offences associated with such arrests

(iii) Similarly, the outcomes of arrests cannot be linked specifically to roadblock operations. The SAPS therefore cannot provide the requested information.

(c)(i) The number of outstanding samples specifically linked to roadblock operations cannot be determined

(ii) Because outstanding samples cannot be isolated by operational type (i.e., roadblocks), the SAPS is unable to determine the age of the oldest outstanding sample within this category.

(d) Because arrests resulting from roadblocks are not recorded as a distinct category, the SAPS is unable to identify the delays for specific roadblock toxicology reports. Also, the blood alcohol and toxicology analysis for SAPS casework is performed by the Department of Health's Forensic Chemistry Laboratories. SAPS is responsible for collecting, sealing, documenting, and submitting the samples, but the actual analysis and reporting are performed by the Department of Health.

(e)(i) The South African Police Service does not maintain a separate system functionality or reporting category that records arrests resulting specifically from roadblocks, the SAPS is unable to identify or report on the categories.

(ii) N/A



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