

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

QUESTION NO. 7305

Mr S S Zibi (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

What (a) is the breakdown of all the (i) data breaches, (ii) ransomware attacks and/or (iii) instances of cybercrime experienced by (aa) his department and (bb) public entities reporting to him in the past five years, (b) measures has his department implemented to protect itself and the entities against cyberattacks, (c) measures does his department intend to implement to enhance its cybersecurity and that of the public entities and (d) is the breakdown in terms of the timelines and budget allocated in this regard? NW8168E

REPLY:

(aa) the Department

(a) Breakdown:

(i) **Data breaches** - None

(ii) **Ransomware attacks** - None

(iii) **Instances of cybercrime experienced** – None

(bb) in respect to Entities, see the following hyperlink [PQ 7305 hyperlink.docx](#).

(b) **Measures taken by the dtic to protect itself against cyberattacks:**

Measures in place include:- Intrusion Prevention Systems with Host Intrusion Detection Solutions, Anti-Virus on servers and workstations, Virtual Private Network controlled access, Access Control through Active Directory and Applications Security, data and device encryption, as well as Multi-Factor Authentication.

(c) **Measures to be implemented to enhance its cybersecurity:**

The installation of a Security Operations Centre (SOC) is planned for 2026/27. The SOC will not only strengthen monitoring and detection but also analyse and respond to cybersecurity threats in real time.

(d) **Timelines and Budget in respect to the dtic**

It is anticipated that the procurement of SOC will be concluded by 31 March 2026. The estimated cost is R8 million per annum.

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