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**Adv H C Schmidt (DA) to ask the Minister of Safety and Security:**

- (1) Whether the SA Police Service purchased any helicopters from a certain company (details furnished) in the past five years; if so, how many and (b) what was the value of the helicopters purchased;**
- (2) whether the SAPS intends purchasing any helicopters from the said company in future; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?**

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**REPLY:**

- (1) Yes.
  - (a) Nine (9).
  - (b) R184 585 214,61.
- (2) No. The nine (9) AS350B3 Squirrel Helicopters were part of a specific contract to purchase single engined helicopters suitable to perform under "hot and high" conditions. This need has now been addressed.