



**5.PS088:**

**ANTI-GANG UNIT**

(i) **Since the establishment of the anti-gang unit in the province, could the MEC please indicate how many gang related arrests have been made?**

**Response:**

A total of 650 persons were arrested from July 2019 to date.

(ii) **Of these, how many convictions have been made in line with Section 9 of the Prevention of Organized Crime Act?**

**Response:**

There were 30 convictions in terms of Section 9 of the Prevention of Organized Crime Act.

(iii) **How many gangs are no longer operational due to work of the anti-gang unit; and**

**Response:**

It can be confirmed that one gang known as the Discipline Gang in New Clair / Newlands area is no longer operational. It is difficult to determine

the existence of gangs as they move from one territory to another or go underground when one of their members get arrested or sentenced.

**(iv)      What criminal activities were the gangs in (i) involved in?**

**Response:**

The Discipline Gang was involved in drug manufacturing, distribution of drugs, drive-by shootings, and intimidation of rival gangs in the area.

Other gangs that were convicted in terms of Section 9 of the Prevention of Organized Crime Act were involved in Dealing and Possession of drugs, Illegal mining, Attempted Murder, Possession of firearms and ammunition, House Robberies, Business Robberies, Hijacking and Theft of motor vehicles, Theft out of motor vehicles, Malicious damage to property and Intimidation.